

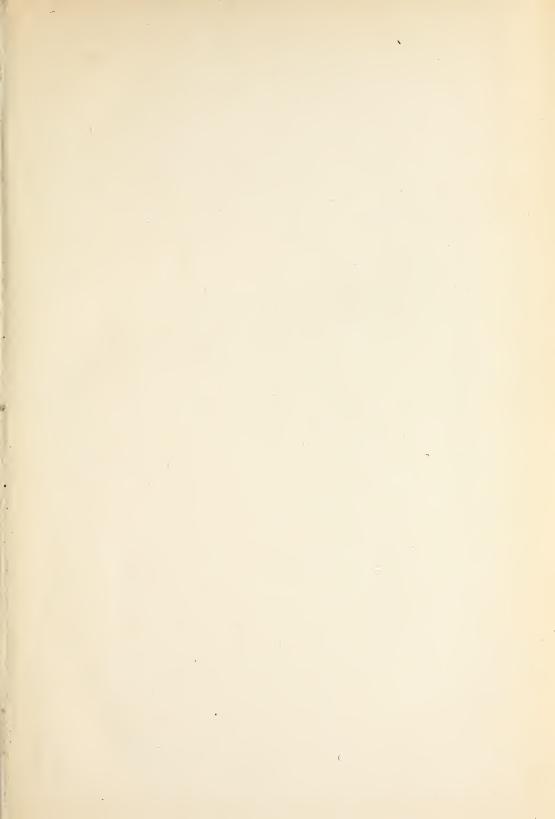
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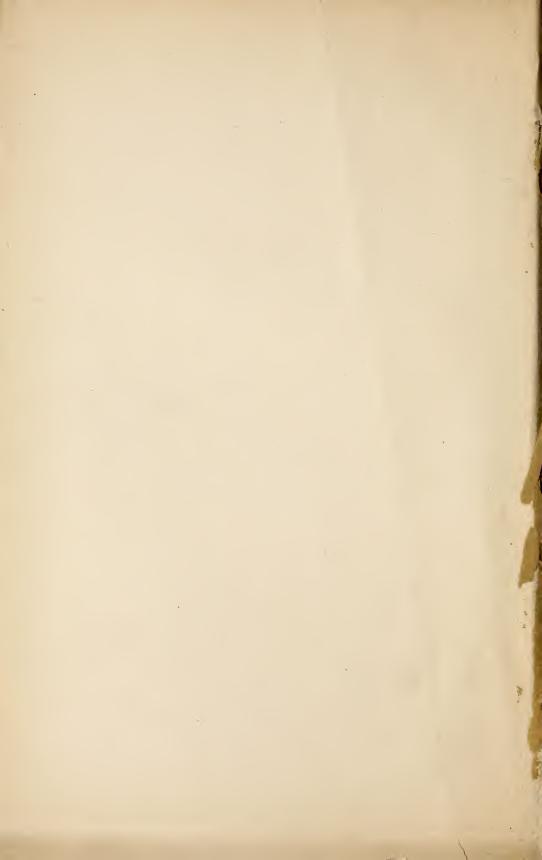
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THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

To the Honorable Board of President and Directors of the St. Louis Public Schools:

Gentlemen — One question is forced to the front this year, and an answer to it cannot long be delayed. We believe the response to it will be in the affirmative. The question is raised in the report of your President. It is reiterated in the remarks of the Librarian: Is St. Louis to have a free Public Library?

The new Library building is well under way. Everything will be in readiness for the public by the autumn of 1892. Shall a subscription fee stand between that public or any part of it and the 80,000 books on the Library shelves—books bought with the people's money? For every taxpayer in our city has contributed to build up this institution.

It will be asked, doubtless, how is the Library to be made free? To my mind the reply is to be found in the Missouri Library law, passed by the General Assembly of the State in 1885. This act provides that upon the petition of one hundred tax-paying citizens, legal notice having been given, the people of St. Louis may, at any regular annual election, vote to tax themselves one-fifth of a mill on a dollar annually to establish and maintain a free Public Library, to be under the control of nine directors appointed by the Mayor.

As the matter now stands the School Board appropriates

\$14,000 of the public money, which it needs for its own uses, and which is wholly inadequate to the demands of the Library; and for the rest of its revenue it depends principally upon membership fees, which, in effect, exclude large numbers from its privileges, and usually those who need its benefits most.

This proposition for a free Public Library for our city, should, as soon as practicable, be brought to the test of a popular vote. And if this special act of the legislature is not worth less than the paper on which it is printed we believe that we shall be speedily delivered from the doubtful reputation of being the only first-class city in the country without such an institution. It is too late now to argue for the wisdom and usefulness of free libraries. Mr. Crunden gives instances in his report of the esteem in which they are held by a far-seeing public policy.

Nearly \$3,000 is at present derived to the Library from membership fees, which with fines (\$1,065.08) and the income from "duplicates" (\$765.65) brings the whole amount available for Library purposes up to less than twenty thousand dollars (\$19,337.25). Let any one who is interested compare this with the revenue raised in Chicago, Cincinnati, Minneapolis, or Omaha.

It only remains for me to congratulate the Board on the efficient and harmonious working of the Library service under Mr. Crunden's charge. The Librarian and his assistants have had no higher object than to make the most of the means and instrumentalities intrusted to their hands. With enlarged resources, it is safe to say, there would be enlarged usefulness. What the tax-payers or any generous donor puts into the Library will prove a good investment for St. Louis.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Learned,

President of the Board of Managers.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

To the Honorable Board of Managers of the St. Louis Public Library:

I have the honor to present herewith my Fourteenth Annual Report for the year ending June 30th, 1891, with some statistics and a partial record of work and progress up to March 1st, 1892.

The following table, with the Treasurer's report, gives a complete exhibit of the

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1891.

Dr.		CR.	
To Life Memberships Temporary Memberships Regular\$1,509 00 School\$45 00 South Branch31 80 Non-resident18 00 Med. Society Memberships, Collection Duplicates	\$168 00 2,403 00 279 00 765 65 1,065 08 62 27 24 65 2 35 4 15 1 55 4,775 70 561 55 14,000 00	By Salaries	\$10,923 30 4,158 63 765 97 772 15 101 18 95 09 423 88 302 46 965 45 326 21 140 01 116 40 211 16
Total receipts	\$19,337 25 807 90 58 52 \$20,203 67	Total expenditures Balance in Treasury, July 1st, 1891 Balance in contingent F'd, July 1st, 1891,	\$19,301 89 836 41 65 37 \$20,203 67

^{*}As an illustration of the necessary increase of general expense with the growth of an institution, it may be noted that the item of insurance is nearly \$300 in excess of last year, and more than \$600 greater than it was six years ago.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

Public Library, St. Louis, July 1, 1891.

To the Hon. Board of Managers:

The undersigned Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of President and Directors of the St. Louis Public Schools, said Board being the depository of the funds of the St. Louis Public Library, respectfully submits the following report of the receipts and expenditures in the Library fund for the year ending June 30, 1891:

Balance in Treasury June 30, 1890 \$ 807 90	
Amount deposited by Secretary Public Schools 14,000 00	
Amount deposited by Librarian Public Library 5,337 25	
	\$20,145 15
Amount paid out on warrants	19,308 74
Balance in Treasury July 1, 1891	\$836 41

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES Y. PLAYER,

Secretary and Treasurer Board of President and Directors St. Louis Public Schools.

MEMBERSHIP.

During the year 813 new members were enrolled. The gain in the last six years is shown by the following table:—

MEMBERSHIPS IN FORCE.

			July 1, '85.	July 1, '91.
Perpetual memb	ersh	ips	47	47
Life	"		3,899	*4,010
Beneficiary life	"		• • • •	101
Honorary	"		• • • •	31
Kindergarten	"			190
Temporary	"	•••••	979	1,585
Totals			4,925	5,964

^{*}Of these only 2,396 are in actual use.

2,215

NEW MEMBERSHIPS ADDED AND OLD MEMBERSHIPS RENEWED.

The first of the foregoing tables shows that the number of paying members has increased from 979 in 1885, to 1,585 in 1891.

Total....

ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY.

The total number of books catalogued and placed on the shelves during the year, was 3,288. Full particulars regarding these will be found in the following tables:—

CLASSES.	Regular Library.	Collection Duplicates.	TOTAL.
Philosophy. Theology Social science. Natural science. Art and poetry. Fiction Juvenile literature Literary miscellany Travels and history. Cyclopedias and periodicals.	39 97 624 396 158 651 190 158 425 405	3 125 9 8	39 97 624 396 161 776 190 167 433 405
Source.	3143	145	3288
Purchase	2116 658 369 3143	145	2261 658 369 3288
LANGUAGE.	A. 800 - 1.00 -	-	
English. French. German Other languages.	2952 55 117 19	145	3097 55 117 19
	3143	145	3288

BOOKS WORN OUT, SOLD, LOST AND PAID FOR, ETC.

	Regular Library.	Collection Duplicates.	TOTALS.
Worn out and condemned	484	1	485
Sold Lost and paid for	3 43 33	8	11 43 33
Totals	563	9	572
Total additions Less above			3288 572
Net Increase			2716

Of the 485 volumes worn out 246 were replaced by new copies and of the 43 volumes lost and paid for, 21 were so replaced.

Among the purchases of the year were a considerable number of costly and valuable publications obtained chiefly from auctions at very low prices. The most noteworthy addition is Scaramuzza's Illustrations of Dante's Divine Comedy, one of very few copies, if not the only copy, in the United States. Among other acquisitions of importance are the following:

Album du Salon. 1840-42. 3v. 4°.

Anderson. Pictorial Arts of Japan. fo.

Burnet. Practical Hints on Color in Painting. 4°.

Burnet. Practical Hints on Composition in Painting. 4°.

Martin. Histoire de France. 17v. 8°.

Mollet. Illustrated Dictionary of Art and Archæology. 8°.

Moore. Gothic Architecture. 8°.

Nicolay & Hay. Abraham Lincoln. 10v. 8°.

Palacky. Geschichte von Böhmen. 7v. 8°.

Perrot & Chipiez. History of Art in Sardinia, Judea, etc. 2v. 4°.

Salon de 1883. 4°.

Scaramuzza. Illustraz. sulla Divina Commedia di Dante. 4v. Obl. f°.

Turner Gallery. 2v. 4°.

Von Falke. Art in the House. 4°.

Whitaker. Art Treasures in England. imp. 8°.

Further progress has been made towards completing sets of periodicals by the purchase of 227 volumes. All these were secured at reasonable prices, and some decidedly

below market rates. The advantageous terms on which purchases have been made is indicated by the fact that, including such costly works as the Scaramuzza and others noted above, the average cost per volume of the 2,261 volumes bought was only \$1.68.

EXCHANGES AND DONATIONS.

During the year 781 volumes and 1,419 pamphlets were received as exchanges and donations. A complete list, with the names of the donors, will be found in an appendix. The more noteworthy gifts were 127 volumes from Mr. Chas. H. Turner, a former member of the Board, 128 volumes and 73 pamphlets from Mrs. Minor Merriwether, 50 volumes from Mr. W. W. Eayrs, 24 volumes from the New York State Library, and 17 volumes from the Pennsylvania State Library. The Library is under obligations to Hons. S. W. Cobb, J. J. O'Neill and Nathan Frank for U. S. documents. Mr. John M. Gilkeson has continued his Christmas gifts of library memberships to deserving boys and girls; and several employers have followed the same plan in choosing holiday presents for the young people in their employ. There is certainly no other way in which the expenditure of \$1.00 can confer so great a benefit on a boy or girl.

Citizens of St. Louis might do much towards building up the Library by occasionally sending in books which have served their purpose at home and others which have no place in a private collection but would be of great value in a public library.

Persons interested in the various charitable and other institutions of the city should see that their annual reports are regularly sent to the Library, which would thereby become a comple repository of local history.

This Library has one distinction which is not an enviable one or creditable to St. Louis. It is, I think, the only

large library in the country that has received no gifts of any importance either in money or books from private sources. This, I suppose, is its reward for having got along on so small a public appropriation, for to him that hath shall be given—not to him that needs. The Boston and Chicago Public Libraries, with their hundred thousand and more per annum and their millions for buildings, receive valuable gifts and bequests. The St. Louis Public Library is left to do the best it can on \$14,000 a year. And yet it must be evident to any one who will investigate the subject that there is no other institution that makes so large a return to the city for the money spent in maintaining it.

"Donation has been the source of the principal Libraries which have ever or anywhere been founded. It is not easy to conceive that a benevolent and enlightened citizen can leave a more pleasing or lasting monument behind him than a donation of books to a public library, constituting a department on which his name might be inscribed as a benefactor, not only to his own times but to future ages."

CONTENTS OF THE LIBRARY.

A necessarily hasty count gives the following approximation to the contents of the Library, July 1, 1891:—

Philosophy	965
Theology	2,804
Social and political sciences	12,021
Natural sciences and useful arts	10,805
Art and poetry	5,128
Fiction	11,333
Juvenile	4,660
Literary miscellany	4,990
Geography and history	11,105
Cyclopædias and magazines	7,794

71,605

Collection of Duplicates	
Total of entered books	
Total contents	76,970

The above figures, it should be noted, represent the number of books actually in possession of the Library at the given date, not the number the Library has had. Additions to the first of March bring the total up to about 79,000. We shall probably have 80,000 volumes to remove to the new building.

BINDING.

The aggregate expense for binding is slightly in excess of the amount reported last year; viz., \$1,162.90 to \$1,124.58. This includes 976 volumes (periodicals and books in paper covers) bound for the first time, costing \$595.35, an average of sixty-one cents per volume, and 1,600 volumes rebound at a cost of \$567.55, an average of thirty-six cents per volume.

In the middle of the year was inaugurated the successful experiment of employing a trained binder's assistant to repair books in the Library. In the seven months that come within the period of this report she repaired 1,336 volumes at a salary expense of \$175, an average of thirteen cents per volume. Many of these would have required rebinding at a cost of more than five times that sum. As a result of this work the collection is in better condition than it has ever been before.

CIRCULATION.

The total issue of books and periodicals shows a gain of 15,767 over the previous year and a gain of 60,939, or twenty-four per cent., in the last four years. The particulars are given in the following tables:

ISSUE BY MONTHS.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1891.

	Home Use.	Library Use.	Periodicals.	Total.
July	9,425	4.394	5,098	18,917
August	9,465	4,484	4,832	18,781
September	9,000	5,306	8,195	22,501
October	9,324	5,317	8,962	23,603
November	10,016	6,167	9,698	25,881
December	10,520	7,403	11,168	29,091
anuary	11,508	8,866	11,088	31,462
ebruary	10,665	7,558	10,883	29,106
Iarch	11,812	8,472	12,866	33,150
pril	10,903	7,286	10,525	28,714
Iay	9,976	6,709	9,679	26,364
une	9,356	5,956	7,336	22,648
890-91	121,970	77,918	110,330	310,218
889-90	125,854	71,766	96,831	294,451
Gain		6,152	13,499	15,767
Loss	3,884			

CLASSIFIED CIRCULATION.

	Home Is-	Per Cent.	Library Issue.	Per Cent.	Total Issue of Books.	Per Cent.
Philosophy Theology Social and political sciences Natural sciences and useful arts Art Fiction Juvenile Literary miscellany Geography and history Cyclopedias and magazines Total	694 1,230 1,991 3,463 3,967 64,325 29,829 4,077 8,977 3,417 121,970	.57 1.01 1.63 2.84 3.25 52.74 24.45 3.35 7.36 2.80	791 1,663 8,122 7,955 4,532 17,071 8,353 4,220 11,129 14,082	1.02 2.14 10.42 10.20 5.82 21.91 10.72 5.42 14.28 18.07	1,485 2,893 10,113 11,418 8,499 81,386 38,192 8,297 20,106 17,499	.74 1.45 5.06 5.72 4.25 40.71 19.11 4.15 10.06 8.75

SUMMARIES.

1889-90	1890-1.
Books for home use125,854	121,970
Books for library use 71,766	77,918
Total issue of books	199,888
Reading-room issue (Periodicals)	110,330
Total issue in all departments294,451	310,218
Total issue in all departments 1889-90	294,451
Increase in 1890–1	15,767

Largest week day issue,	Smallest week day issue,
Saturday, March 7, 1891.	Thursday, July 31, 1890.
Home issue 707	Home issue 249
Library issue 399	Library issue 140
Reading-room issue 488	Reading-room issue 105
Total	Total 494
Largest Sunday issue, March	Smallest Sunday issue,
1, 1891.	August 3, 1890.
Library issue 207	Library issue 52
Reading-room issue 267	Reading-room issue 42
Total 474	Total 94
Average Sunday issue—	Total Sunday issue—
Library issue 125.1	Library issue 6,507
Reading-room issue 149.8	Reading-room issue 7,789
Total 274.9	Total 14,296
Average daily issue—	Average week day issue—
Home issue 389.7	Home issue 380.4
Library issue 213.4	Library issue 229.7
Reading-room issue 302.3	Reading-room issue 330.9
Total 905.4	Total 941.0

Sufficient justification of the new policy of keeping the Library open on holidays will, I think, be found in the following figures showing the

HOLIDAY ISSUE.

	Home.	Library.	R. Room.	TOTAL.
July Fourth	15 112	72 157	45 98	132 367
Thanksgiving	43	151 102	146	340 222
New Year	31 434	153 261	161 396	$\frac{345}{1091}$
Total	639	896	962	2497

Issue at Branch Library 4539, a loss of 783, or nearly 15 per cent. as compared with last year.

Of the Branch issue 499 volumes were drawn from the main library.

The Library was open every day in the year. 1206 notices were mailed to members from the issue department: 712 for books overdue; 190 for memberships expired; 118 informing members of books reserved, and 186 calling attention to new books supposed to be of special interest to the persons addressed.

Eighty-two books were sent for and forty-seven recovered; \$1.30 was expended for car fare; \$1.00 collected in messenger fees.

CHARACTER OF THE READING.

In my last report I gave abundant statistical proof of the steady rise in the standard of the books issued both for home reading and for use in the library. The most striking facts noted were the decrease in the last eight years of the percentage of fiction drawn for home use from sixtytwo to fifty-two and one-half, and the increase in the percentage of cyclopædias and magazines used in the reference department from 5.11 to 15.41 and of social science from 4.92 to 11.2. Considerable space was also given to showing the relative popularity of leading novels at various periods. These comparisons have proved very interesting; and I hope to repeat them in the near future. Great changes may be reasonably predicted when the Library is made free.

A comparison of this year's percentages with those of last year shows scarcely any variation. A very slight falling off in novels and juveniles and in philosophy and theology is balanced by a corresponding increase in social and natural sciences and history. It is within the last few years that the remarkable growth of interest in social and political science became manifest. In my report of 1888 I noted among books used in the rooms a decrease of 16 per cent. in novels and 33 per cent. in juveniles (good books and read to a surprising extent by adults) as compared with the preceding year; while at the same time there was an increase of 50 per cent. in the use of cyclopædias, and nearly 100 per cent. in works on social and political science.

That readers who use the free reference department do not come to the Library merely for entertainment, is proved by the following facts. A shelf above the library issue desk is always full of books placed there at the request of readers who are unable to finish them at a sitting and who

give notice that they will call for them again the next day. A glance at this shelf from time to time would convince any one that a considerable amount of solid reading is done by persons who, presumably, cannot afford to pay for the privilege of taking books home. In support of this statement I submit below a record of the books that remained on the shelf from day to day during the winter months of 1891-2. This list furnishes sufficient evidence that the free department of the Library is sought for purposes of instruction. These books, be it remembered, were not simply consulted, but read through by men and boys who came evening after evening for that object.

BOOKS RESERVED FOR USERS OF FREE REFERENCE DEPART-MENT. •

DEC.-FEB., 1891-92.

Philosophy.

Denton. The soul of things. Hartmann. Philosophy of the unconscious.

Kant. Critique of pure reason, Schopenhauer. The world as will and idea. Scott. Methods of ethics.
Sterling. Text-book to Kant.
Watson. Kant and his English critics.
Wells. Physiognomy.

Theologu.

Apocryphal Gospels. Acts and Revelations. Brueck. Catholic Church.

Constant. Mysteries of magic.
Farrar. Life and works of Paul.

Fisher. Ground of theistic and Christian belief.

Home. Incidents in my life.

Hurst. History of the early church.
Pope and McGuire. Discussion between.

Priestley. History of the opinions of Christ.

Scott. Luther and the Lutheran Reformation.

Social and Political Science.

Alabama, Manual of (1869). Clarke. Commercial law. Gronlund. Coöperative commonwealth. Hoffman. Legal study. Maconn. Manitoba and the great Northwest.Riley. Alabama as it is.U. S. Immigration and pension laws.

Education.

Alvergnat. French pronunciation.
Bellengen. French and English conversations.
Bustamante. Spanish-English diction-

Goodwin. Greek grammar. Harvey. English grammar. Languellier. Practical French course McClintock. First Latin book. Sauveur. Grammaire francaise.

Natural Sciences and Useful Arts.

Baldwin. Pre-historic nations.
Bryant & Stratton. Business arithmetic.
Chauvenet. Geometry.
Egleston. Metallurgy of gold and silver.
Graham. Handbook of phonography.
Hall. Coughs and colds.
Henck. Field book for railroad engineers.

Mackenzie. Pharmacopœia.
Pharmacopœia Borussica.
Pitman. Phonographic dictionary.
Ray. Higher algebra.
Rice. Errors in trial balances.
Robinson. Geometry and trigonometry.

Art and Poetry.

Emerson. Naturalistic photography. Hood. The rhymester. Horace. (Anthon.) Horace. (Smart's translation.) Rowbotham. Sketching from nature. Sparkes. Artistic anatomy.
Vinci, L. d. Treatise on painting.
Viollet le Duc. Discourses on architecture.

Literary Miscellany.

Blair. Lectures on rhetoric. Emerson. Essays, 2d ser. Emerson. Letters and social aims. Ruskin. Works, v. 9. Wagner. Werke Bd. 9.

History, Biography and Travels.

Anderson. General history.
Arnold. Deutsche Urzeit.
Beitzke. Freiheitskriege.
Cabet. Histoire de la Revolution Française.
Daguet. La Conféderation Suisse.
Drummond. Tropical Africa.
Dyer. Kings of Rome.
Edwards. Self-taught men.
Gibbon. History of Rome.
Gilder. Schwatka's search.
Hazlitt. Napoleon.
Headley. Napoleon and his marshals.
Henne. Geschichte des Schweizervolke.
Ihne. History of Rome.
Johnston. Classical atlas.
Livy. Roman history.
Macaulay. History of England.

McGahan. Campaigning on the Oxus. Martin. Histoire de France. Paton. Down the islands. Paton. Freemasonry, its doctrine. Paton. Freemasonry, its symbolism. Reade. Martyrdom of man. Reed. Lives of the emperors. Robbins. Journal of the brig "Commerce." Steele. 100 years of American independence. Stephens. U.S. history. Strachey. India. Sully. Memoirs. Sutherland. Knights of Malta. Thornton. Oregon and California. Tuttle. History of Russia. Yonge. Life of Wellington.

PERIODICALS.

Attempts to present with any exactness a classified exhibit of the periodicals read are necessarily futile because of the miscellaneous character of most periodicals. When the *Electrical World*, or the *North American Review*, or *Forum*, or *Engineering and Mining Journal* is drawn, we know what sort of reading the applicant is after; and if all

periodicals were as homogeneous as these, classification would be easy. But who can tell what the reader wants who calls for Harper's or Scribner's Monthly or the Century? That the Scientific American was issued nearly 4,000 times and the North American Review 1,500 times last year, is evidence of interest in practical science and in the social and political problems of the day. The general standard of periodical reading is in some measure indicated by the following tables showing the issue of the most popular periodicals for the year ending June 30th, 1891.

Harper's Weekly5,515	Scribner'.s
Puck	Ueber Land und Meer2,159
Leslie's Illus. News4,504	Youth's Companion1,713
Judge3,990	North American Review1,500
London News3,967	St. Nicholas
Scientific American	Forum 944
Harper's Monthly3,746	Popular Science Monthly 853
Century3,561	Vom Fels Zum Meer 816
Life3,175	Electrical World 735
Golden Days3,092	Engineering & Mining Journal 618
Leslie's Popular Mo2,416	Revue des deux Mondes 522

An attempt at a rough classification of periodicals is presented in the following table:

READING-ROOM ISSUE CLASSIFIED.

	Issue of Periodicals.	Per cent.
Philosophy	. 43	.04
Theology	. 966	.88
Social & political sciences	•	30.67
Natural sciences and useful arts	16,958	15.37
Art and poetry	509	.46
Juveniles	7,501	6.80
Literary miscellany	,	17.93
Geography and history		.40
Miscellaneous	30,283	27.45
	110,330	100.00

THE LIBRARY AND THE INTELLECTUAL LIFE OF ST. LOUIS.

In my last two reports I gave considerable space to setting forth the relations of the Library to the intellectual life of the city. The increasing percentage of the issue of instructive books shown by the statistics of the past few years is undoubtedly due in a considerable degree to the intellectual stimulus of organized effort, to the various clubs for study which have developed rapidly in numbers and membership and in the variety of the subjects taken up. During this winter reference lists have been furnished to clubs and classes for the study of Russia past and present, Spain and the Moors, life and writings of Emerson, Socialism, and various other topics.

The largest of these is the Wednesday Club, which marks a distinct advance in bringing together many of the most intelligent and active women in the city, and showing them the incitement, the development and the power that lie in organization. The high intellectual aims of the club may be seen in a glance at its programs, which I have embodied in my last two reports; and the demands made upon the resources of the Library are evidence of the thoroughness with which the work has been done. The club has already accomplished much intellectually: its possibilities as a social force in St. Louis are beyond calculation.

The Unity Club, under the direction of Rev. J. C. Learned, has devoted the winter to the study of Emerson's life and writings: the program of the Eliot Society consisted of character studies from Shakespeare; and a large class under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Holland has discussed various phases of the sociological problem.

For purposes of illustration, and as a record of the intellectual activity of the city, which the Library subserves and stimulates, I give again the programs of the largest clubs.

WEDNESDAY CLUB PROGRAM, OCTOBER 14, 1891, APRIL 28, 1892.

Conditions of literary productiveness.

A critical study of Schiller's dramas.

Balzac's place in fiction.

The rise and fall of romanticism.

Poetic and philosophic art criticism.

Typical forms of German music.

General discussion of club work.

The new education.

Women in science.

Treatment of criminals.

A century of discovery.

Comparison of English and American governments.

The Germany of Bismarck.

Cavour and united Italy.

International law.

PROGRAM OF THE ELIOT SOCIETY, DECEMBER 22, 1891,

MAY 5, 1892.

CHARACTER STUDIES FROM SHAKESPEARE.

Types of Manly Worth.

Antonio (Mer. of Ven.); Prospero (Tempest).

Maidenhood.

Isabella (Meas. for Meas.); Viola (Twelfth Night); Perdita (Win. Tale).

Wit and Humor.

Falstaff (Hen. IV.); Dogberry (Much Ado About Nothing). Bottom (Midsummer Night's Dream.)

Ambition.

Wolsey (Henry VIII.); Richard III.; Macbeth.

Wives.

Desdemona (Othello); Queen Katharine (Henry VIII.); Lady Macbeth.

Lovers.

Romeo; Orlando (As You Like It); Othello.

Parents.

Constance (King John); Volumnia (Coriolanus); King Lear.

Malevolence.

Shylock (Merchant of Ven.); King John; Iago (Othello).

Sons and Daughters.

Coriolanus; Cordelia (King Lear); Hamlet.

The Supernatural.

Caliban (Tempest); Fairies (Temp.; Mids. N. Dream). Witches and Ghosts (Macb., Hamlet and Julius Cæsar).

THE LIBRARY AS A BUREAU OF INFORMATION.

A full record of the calls made upon the Library for information and assistance in the course of a month or a week, would astonish any one who has not worked in a library, by its length and varied character. Such a record it would be impossible to keep, under present conditions, because Librarian and assistants pass from one thing to another so continuously (often waiting on two persons at once) that when a break comes at the end of hours of constant work, memory fails to recall the various wants that have been supplied. As a very inadequate illustration of the varied demands that are made upon the Library Bureau of Information, I give below a few wants and questions noted at odd times during the past year. If a full record were secured, a single month would show a greater number and probably an equal variety. The list might be readily enlarged by including all the topics in the foregoing club programs. The list appears under three heads: subjects of study on which reference lists have been furnished, books or articles wanted on given topics, and questions asked. Beyond this rough classification there is no attempt at order of any kind. The items in each group are given at random, just as they were originally noted.

REFERENCE LISTS FURNISHED.

George Eliot's Spanish Gypsy. History of Spain during the time of the Moors. Ralph Waldo Emerson.

The Shakers.

Capital Punishment. Balzac.

Euripides. Dante. Socialism. The Lake Poets.

Mortar and cements. Single Tax.

Building and plans for houses. Longfellow. .

Plato. Woman in science.

Aristotle. Æschvlus.

The Madonnas. The modern drama.

BOOKS OR ARTICLES WANTED.

Where may full statistics of Colorado be found?

Where shall I find some pictures of fishes?

What is the best work on chess?

The letter of Columbus announcing his discovery.

The best book on bricklaving.

The best book on metal cornices and other metal work.

Proofs of the resurrection of Christ other than the statements of the Bible.

A sketch of the Railroad King of Mexico.

A bird's eye view of St. Louis.

Some portraits of Columbus.

A price list of postage stamps.

A book which would identify a certain German coin.

Some designs for fancy alphabets.

Information about the St. Louis Post Office and Government Building.

Something on Municipal government in Missouri.

Arguments on the negative of the question: "Resolved that the British rule in Asia has been favorable to Christian missions."

Something about the last years of the life of James Russell Lowell.

Information regarding the domestic life of George Washington.

A book on Brook Farm, written a few years ago by a woman.

Farmers' Almanac 1791-1840.

Information regarding the towns and cities of Indiana.

Something on present French art (school of Millet).

The Illinois laws of corporations.

An article in some recent magazine on the mendicant society at Paris.

Something on compulsory education.

· A picture of the "sleeping Ariadne."

Some pictures from which to get some idea of a design representing commerce.

Some books on Theosophy.

Something on the laws regulating boarding-houses, which will decide the question whether trunks may be put into the street.

Photographs of Egyptian views.

A book on English surnames.

A photograph of the Rosetta stone.

Something on the development of British naval architecture.

A description of the rainbow.

Something on copper working.

A drawing of the planetary system.

A work on screw propellers.

Illustrations of the story of Elijah.

Something on the last war in the East Indies.

A description of coins.

"The latest German translation."

The best work on dentistry.

Something on the antiquities of the Aztecs.

A portrait of Queen Victoria.

An illustrated treatise on landscape painting.

A biographical sketch of Emma Abbott.

A sketch of the life of George Bancroft.

A criticism of "Ben-Hur."

Something on the hanging gardens of Babylon.

Something on the history of printing.

A criticism on Longfellow.

Something on the protective tariff.

An argument on the temperance question against prohibition.

Something about Keshab Chunder Sen.

Who were the Queen's prime ministers?

Something on the Holy Grail.

A book on the building and sailing of yachts.

A book on trotting horses.

Books on electricity for boys. (Numerous calls.)

A book from which a boy can learn all about the planets and constellations.

A book on the building of barns, spring-houses and other farm outhouses.

A list of the poets and prose writers of America.

Some text-book on universal business warehouse book-keeping.

The book of Plato in which he treats of the greatest good from the universal stand-point.

Something on the removal of the body of Napoleon from St. Helena to Paris.

Something about coffee houses in the time of Addison and Swift.

Something on the use of money in politics.

Some ghost stories.

A cut of the golden rod for a jeweler's designer.

Something on the Nicaragua canal.

Something on the Galveston harbor.

Commercial statistics of New York and St. Louis.

Something on the New Madrid earthquake.

Two or three of the best cook-books.

The best book on etiquette.

A book on the future of the English language.

Something on the laws of divorce in the different States.

A book which circulates containing biographical sketches of Godard and Raff.

Something containing Winter's poem entitled "After All."

One book containing short sketches of the lives of all the early American statesmen.

Something on the manner of procedure in French court trials.

Books and articles on the controversy between the Pope and King in Italy, especially the Catholic side.

QUESTIONS ASKED.

The correct text and source of such quotations as: "Music of the spheres" and "Books in brooks."

What character in Dickens made a will at the age of twelve?

Who was called the "young doctor of Rome?"

Who wrote the first book published in America?

What artist destroyed a painting of Raphael?

What can you tell me of Thomas R. Atchison?

What is the best history of the English language?

What are the names of the editors of the leading newspapers of the United States?

Who is the best commentator on Shakespeare?

Who is called the "wisest of men?"

Who was the "last of the barons?"

Who invented masques?

Who is called "that mighty orb of song?"

What decides Easter?

What was the first cook book ever published?

What is "the new meaning of the Roman?"

Who was called "his sowship?"

Who uses the expression: "Full orb of song?"

With reference to whom was the "Full orb of song" used?

Who is the greatest living English historian?

Who is the greatest living American historian?

Where shall I find a picture of an olive plant?

What was the population of St. Louis in 1840?

What was the origin of St. Valentine's day?

Where may something describing the death of C. L. Vallandigham be found?

Is Hugo's drama entitled "Cromwell" translated into English?

What were the real causes which led to the Lutheran reformation?

Who was the greater general, Washington or Wellington?

Who was the greater novelist, George Eliot or Charles Dickens?

What is romanticism?

Is De Lesseps dead?

What is De Lesseps' full name?

What was Dante's attitude toward the papacy?

Is there a book called the "Book of the Dead?"

What is the French, German, Italian, Latin and Greek for the words "oil" and "anti-explosive?"

What is rubberine?

Is Asa Gray dead? If so, when did he die?

Who is the author of a book entitled "The Friend of Death?"

Where can I find the proportions of a perfect woman?

Was the story of Lucille original with the author? If not, where did he get it?

A Latin motto for a medal to be given a young lady proficient in music. Sentiment for a toast at a Masonic supper. Such as would be suitable for an address commemorative of the death of a distinguished man.

Price of Oeuvres de Boileau des Preaux; Ed. of 1798.

Also of La Lusiade; Ed. of 1765.

THE LIBRARY AND THE SCHOOLS.

Down to recent times the library was for the scholar only. Without neglecting the wants of the student class, the modern public library has entered wider fields and assumed broader and more varied functions. None of these is more important than its work as a supplement of the public schools; and there is no subject that has received greater attention from librarians. Ways and means for making the library useful in the schools are frequently presented in the Library Journal, are discussed at every Librarians' conference, and form a topic of constant correspondence among librarians. In reply to frequent inquiries from other cities as to what our Library is doing in the public schools, I am obliged to confess that it is very little. By a count some years ago it was ascertained that not more

than one-fourth of the teachers in the schools had memberships in the Library. Out of nearly 30,000 pupils (over nine years of age) in the public schools only 671 are now (April, 1892) ticket holders; and in private and parochial schools the ratio is still less. There are two reasons that combine to account for this. One is the ever-present obstacle of a membership fee: the other, almost, if not quite, an equal factor, is the failure of our teachers to realize the help to them and their pupils that lies in good literature. Some regard general reading as a positive interference with school work; and the mass are apparently indifferent. If the Library were free, it is fair to assume that a great majority of teachers would avail themselves of its privileges; and there can be no question that thousands of children in and out of school would gladly seize the opportunity thus offered for their instruction and entertainment. But even under present conditions the usefulness of the Library to our young people could be multiplied fivefold by reasonable effort on the part of teachers. general literature is a help, not a hindrance, to school training, my own experience as a teacher convinced me; and this conviction has been confirmed and strengthened by the testimony of the most active and progressive teachers and by the results of co-operation between schools and libraries in various parts of the country.

In proof of the fact that it lies in the power of teachers, in spite of the membership fee, to make this Library a valuable adjunct to the schools and in support of my position that collateral reading is a help to their regular work, I submit the results of an experiment tried under adverse circumstances by Mr. O. M. Wood, Principal of the L'Ouverture colored school. His eighth-grade class this winter consisted of thirty-one pupils from thirteen to sixteen years of age, all the children of poor parents. He induced twenty-eight of these to devote a dollar each,—

earned by carrying coal, clearing snow off sidewalks, scrubbing doorsteps and other similiar work, - to the purchase of a Library ticket. Then obtaining from the Library a list of the best books for his purpose, he formed a reading-club, which has met alternate Fridays after school for discussion of the books read. Questions are asked by the teacher; and if in his opinion the first critic of a given book does not fairly bring out what is in it, the same book is assigned to another member for further criticism. Two accessions to the club have come from last year's pupils now attending the Sumner High School. By inquiring at the Library Mr. Wood has kept himself informed as to the books drawn by his pupils; and he has found that scarcely any books outside the list recommended have been asked for. But a full statement of the experiment and its results can be best given in Mr. Wood's own words:

St. Louis, Mo., March 24, 1892.

DEAR SIR: In response to your inquiry concerning the Reading Club, formed by pupils of the eighth grade in this school, I have the honor to reply that the experiment is an unqualified success. The unanimous verdict of both teachers and pupils is, that much lasting benefit has been derived from the careful, systematic reading that the children have been pursuing in the past year. Quiet, earnest, methodic system has taken the place of random stuffing; and a positive taste for the best class of literature is slowly and surely being formed. Perhaps I could not illustrate this better, than by relating an instance which came under my notice. One of my boys, a bright little fellow and a greedy reader, stood at a lathe in the Manual Training room, during the noon hour, turning an exercise. Across from him another little classmate was working on a wood carving. "What are you reading now?" said the turner. "Dick Deadeye," said the carver. "Trash - a waste of time," sententiously returned the other. "Oh, well, you needn't talk, you just stopped reading that trash since you joined the Reading Club." "That's so!" coolly rejoined the first, "But my reading is not only interesting, but it teaches me something beside." Just then a warning from the monitor broke in and the conversation ceased. That youngster expressed our highest aim in the formation of the club. Interesting reading which is instructive, attractive literature which is safe. Briefly stated our club plan is this. Each pupil on joining the club pays \$1.00. For this he is given a library membership for one year, and a list of books on ethics, science, history,

travels, geography and fiction. These subjects admit of a wide range and free scope, yet every volume is carefully selected for a specific purpose, bearing directly or indirectly upon school lessons and the pupil's life work. A few selections just here will illustrate: Abbott — History of William the Conqueror, Blaikie — How to Get Strong and How to Stay So, Creasy — Fifteen Decisive Battles, Coffin — Boys of '76, Hartwig — Polar World, Hawthorne — Tanglewood Tales, Fiske — Washington and his Country, Hughes — Tom Brown at Rugby, Meadowcroft — A B and C of electricity, Reid — Afloat in the Forest, Sewell — Black Beauty, Stevens — Around the World on a Bicycle. These are random selections from the list. Additions are made from time to time and we keep pace with current literature. Fortnightly talks on books read stimulate interest and encourage deeper and more careful reading. Every pupil, upon the completion of a book, files a slip with questions similar to these.

QUESTION SLIP.

- I. Name of book.
- II. Author.
- III. Kind.
- IV. Principal character.
- V. Other characters.
- VI. Plot of the story.
- VII. Value of the work.

VIII. Remarks.

File with Principal when book has been completed.

The fact has been forced upon me through frequent discussions with the club, that children are the keenest and most merciless critics, and now and then I have gleaned some pretty bright ideas from this work. I inclose specimen slips. Our chief trouble lies in the transition period. To take the average boy from "Big-foot Wallace, the Terror of Lone Gulch," and introduce him to Nordhoff's "Politics for Young Americans," would "settle Hoti's business." We must go at the matter with tact. We supplant "Billy the Grizzly," with Du Chaillu's "Wild Life Under the Equator," follow it with Reid's "Afloat in the Forest," step by step leading the boy and allowing him to realize that there is a definite aim and a well defined motive in reading. Step by step then he goes on encouraged to go higher until he is proud to select the highest grade of books for himself. When once the habit is formed, trust the boy for the rest, and observe with pride the development of the From our list of one hundred volumes the club has discussed over twenty this year, many of the members have read a greater number than this, and some pupils have read fewer books. Outside the list the boys of the Manual Training Department have read technical works which they have noticed in the Library catalogue. The influence of this work

has been made apparent through all the channels of development. My pupils have been wiser, stronger, purer and nobler. And from this year's experiment with thirty pupils in the eighth grade, we shall certainly extend the good work next year to include the fifth, sixth and seventh grades. We are greatly indebted to Mr. J. F. Davies of your corps, for valuable assistance in the compilation of our Reading list, and for many hints and suggestions.

Very respectfully yours,

O. M. Wood, Principal L'Ouverture School.

The account of the experiment would not be complete without samples of the formal written reports that have been presented on books read. I therefore append five specimens. The original papers have an interest which is lost in a typographical reproduction. Suffice it to say that in all of them writing and punctuation are good; and in nearly all the spelling is perfect.

- 1. Name of book. Tom Brown's School days.
- 2. Author. Thomas Hughes.
- 3. Kind. Fiction.
- 4. Principal character. Tom Brown.
- 5. Other characters. Schoolmates East and Arthur.
- 7. Plot of story. A sketch of a boy's life in an English school.
- 7. Value of the work. It has a strong value for its influence on the minds and morals of children.
- 8. Remarks. I consider this one of the best books I ever read. The hero shows himself to be a boy who will undoubtedly make a fine man.
 - 1. Name of book. The Prince and the Pauper.
 - 2. Author. Samuel L. Clemens. (Mark Twain.)
 - 3. Kind. Fiction.
 - 4. Prin. character. Tom Canty.
- 5. Other characters. Prince, King Henry VIII., Tom's father, Earl of Hertford, Sir Richard Hendon and others.
- 6. Plot of story. The plot of the story is an exchange of lives and stations and experiences by a prince and a pauper.
- 7. Value of the work. The book is valuable for its insight into English history; the manners, customs and dress of the people of England.
- 8. Remarks. The book is enjoyable although the idea is preposterous and could not occur in actual life.

- 1. Name of book. Nicholas Nickleby.
- 2. Author. Charles Dickens.
- 3. Kind. Fiction.
- 4. Principal character. Nicholas Nickleby.
- 5. Other characters. Godfrey Nickleby, Wackford Squeers, the Yorkshire schoolmaster, Ralph Nickleby, Vincent Crummles and others.
- 7. Value of the book. Its ethical value. It treats of life in England among the lower classes. The story is a beautiful one, and is told in a very beautiful way.
- 8. Remarks. I consider this story by far the best story of English home life that I have ever read. The story is a strong condemnation of the neglect of education in England, and the brutality which characterized the boarding schools of a certain period. The story will bear reading and re-reading.
 - 1. Name of book. How to Get Strong and How to Stay So.
 - 2. Author. Blaikie.
 - 3. Kind. Physical culture.
 - 6. Plot of story. To teach a person how to take care of the body.
- 7. Value of work. It teaches a person how to become strong and have good health.
- 8. Remarks. We need laws for the development of the body. Good health produces longer life. It has been said that Americans take too little exercise; but our colleges are paying attention to games. Exercise to be of any benefit must be taken regularly. Girls do not have enough exercise of the proper kind. It is not regular and therefore of little or no value. I do not believe in home gymnasiums because practice will not always be taken at a regular time, something else will come up and we forget the practice. The school is the right place for physical culture, because you can take regular exercise at regular times. I like outdoor games better than all.
 - 1. Name of book. A B C of Electricity.
 - 2. Author. Meadowcroft.
 - 3. Kind. Science.
 - 7. Value of the work. Great.
- 8. Remarks. Great for the reason that electricity is rapidly coming into play as the motive power, and wherever it can be used it is gradually taking the place of steam. Every one should know something about this wonderful agent that is revolutionizing trade and commerce.

I have presented this experiment somewhat in extenso, because it has the value and vividness that come from nearness of observation, and because success has been achieved

in the face of two special obstacles,—the membership fee and the poverty of the children. Numerous illustrations might be cited of the work done in other cities where the conditions are made more favorable by the existence of a free library. Mr. S. S. Green, Librarian of Worcester, says:

"I remember making an estimate of the average number of volumes from the Free Public Library in use in the schools of Worcester daily during two of the busiest months of the winter term, and finding it to be 1,666. That number was, of course, additional to that of books taken out on cards held by individual boys and girls and to such as were used in the building."

It would require too much space to present even an outline of the arguments in favor of making the reading of good books a part of the regular work of schools. together with suggestions as to methods and records of results actually achieved, have been fully set forth by leading educators (teachers and librarians) throughout the United States and Western Europe. Annually for twelve years Mr. James M. Sawin, a grammar school principal of Providence, R. I., has published a graded and annotated list of books for young people from six years of age to maturity. Every volume of the Library Journal contains more or less on the subject; and nearly every phase of it, hortatory and expository, may be found in a little book published by F. Leypoldt in 1883, entitled, "Libraries and Schools." Of the six papers that make up this little volume four are by librarians: one is by a Boston grammar school principal and one by Charles Francis Adams. Ignoring the librarians, whose utterances may be discounted as coming from bigoted reformers who are satisfied with nothing that is, or selfish schemers who want to glorify their office, I quote from the teacher, Mr. R. C. Metcalf, who, after giving an account of his methods, adds: -

"I am convinced that supplementary reading can be made a powerful auxiliary in aid of our regular school work. This is especially true of history. The exercise in general reading soon enables the pupil to reproduce, in a few minutes, with the utmost ease, what heretofore has required much laborious study."

I know of no other teacher who is so ardent an advocate of this method in education as Miss Mary E. Burt, formerly teacher of English literature in the Cook County Normal School, and now a member of the Chicago Board of Education. Her writings* contain such a body of convincing argument, stirring exhortation and apt illustration as can be found, I think, nowhere else. The cogency of her presentation comes from the fact that it embodies the practical experience of twenty years in the schoolroom. The same idea may be found in the utterances of President Eliot, Edward Thring and other progressive educators. To repeat a quotation from the Springfield Republican, which gives a sententious summary of my position, "The liking for a good book is of vastly more consequence to youth and manhood than a knowledge of the equation of payments or adverbial elements of the third form."

To the question that is not unnaturally asked by teachers, "Where is the time to come from for this work?" Edward Thring replies:—

"Great interest will make up for want of time. Create great interest. As soon as children can read, throw away all lesson books for a time. Let them read. Let them read aloud—really read, not tumble through pages. Give them to read poetry, the lives of good men, narratives of noble deeds, historical stories, historical novels, books of travel and all the fascinating literature of discovery and adventure. A person who has once learned to read well

^{* &}quot;Literary Landmarks," 1889; "World Literature," 1890, and various addresses and magazine articles.

is tempted to go on. And such books, selected by a carefully graduated scheme, would supply endless knowledge, whilst kindling the mind, without any waste of time from drudgery and disgust. Geography, history and power of speech are all comprised in such books, if properly used."

Prof. W. P. Trent, of the University of the South, in a letter to "The Nation," answers the same objection: —

"I shall be told that the number of studies is too great already; but I reply that it is a thousand times better for a boy to be familiar with 'Marmion' than for him to be able to draw a map of Cochin China, or to calculate the tenth power of nine in his head. It is fair to say that an hour spent on good poetry will be worth the six hours now spent on the average public school course."

L. E. Wolfe, our able and energetic State Superintendent, learned from his experience as a teacher the value of good literature in popular education; and he is making most earnest efforts to provide every school-house in Missouri with a collection of suitable books, which he has taken great pains to select.

The New York State Teachers' Association has appointed a Committee on Literature as one of its standing committees. "The Committee will devote itself to the cultivation in our young people of the taste for good literature: its present 'plan of campaign' is to increase and multiply in every way the child's opportunities for reading the best books. As an initial step the Committee proposes to issue a little pamphlet in which an effort will be made to classify some of the works of literature according to the standards of grading now in current use in the schools, and thus furnish to teachers a list of literary masterpieces which can either serve as reading matter for their classes, or be used as alternates with the regular reading books of the grade.

"Such a list of books has already been prepared; and it is now deemed advisable to subject this list to an extended comparison with other lists for the purpose of perfecting it, and also of including in it as many additional books as may be practicable.

"The great practical importance of such a graded list must be recognized by every parent, teacher and librarian who has given the matter any serious attention."

It was to accomplish this work on an extended scale that "The National Young Folks' Reading Circle" was organized May 1, 1888, and incorporated October 1, 1889. object, as stated in the prospectus, is "the promotion of good reading among our boys and girls." Its managers and counselors include prominent superintendents, teachers and librarians in various parts of the country. It sends to members every fall a list of books adapted to each of three grades; "Junior" (children 12 years old and under), "Middle" (children 13 to 16 years of age) and "Senior" (youths and adults). For each grade there is recommended a list of books in History, Science and General Literature. Great care is taken that the books shall be the best of their kind, which implies that they shall be interesting as well as instructive. The Circle already has a considerable membership covering about two-thirds of the States in the Union; but it would be ten times as great if parents generally realized what it can do for their children. pride of membership in a large organization is in itself a stimulus to child or adult; and a definite undertaking is a great utilizer of the scraps of time.

I am impelled to quote further in support of my thesis that what our schools most need is the greater interest that would be furnished by the study of good literature.

President Eliot, of Harvard University, says: "Teaching in American schools and colleges has been chiefly driving and judging; it ought to be leading and inspiring."

Dr. Thomas Hill, his predecessor, gives the following from his own experience:—

"The books which help a man most are those he reads in childhood. Had I not in 1824 read 'Eyes and no Eyes' in my 'Evenings at Home,' I should not in 1835 have taken up Beck's Botany with such zeal as to carry me morning after morning at daybreak, even in June, to search for wild flowers, carrying in my pocket a card sundial made by myself from directions in Rees' Cyclopedia, to insure getting back to my apothecary shop in time to open and sweep it." He adds: "From seven to twenty I was an omnivorous devourer of all sorts of books."

Sully's "Psychology for Teachers" contains, among other matter of a similar character, the following paragraph:—

"The habitual narration of stories is an essential ingredient in the rudimentary stages of education. The early nurture of the imagination by means of good wholesome food has had much to do with determining the degree of imaginative power, and, through this, of the range of intellect ultimately reached."

And Sir John Lubbock says: -

"The important thing is not so much that every child should be taught as that every child should wish to learn. A boy who leaves school knowing much, but hating his lessons, will soon have forgotten all he ever learned, while another who has acquired a thirst for knowledge, even if he had learned little, would soon teach himself more than the first ever knew."

In a paper on "The Function of the Library and the School in Education," read at the 1890 Conference of the American Library Association, Dr. W. T. Harris shows clearly the necessity of the library as a complement of the school.

"The school," he says, "gives the preliminary prepara-

tion for education; and the library gives the means by which the individual completes and accomplishes his education."

And again: -

"I think our national system of education, or the system and methods generally prevalent in the United States, is destined to be vastly improved by the efforts of librarians."

Mr. James Richardson, an ex-President of the School Board and for many years President of the Library, has constantly advocated the introduction of literature as a part of the regular curriculum of our common schools; and no one who knows his successful business career of more than forty years in St. Louis, would think of calling him a doctrinaire.

Here are the views of another practical man. In an address to the teachers of Quincy, Mass., delivered some fifteen years ago and republished in the little volume edited by S. S. Green, to which I have before referred, Charles Francis Adams ably advocates a closer relationship between the public library and the public school. A few paragraphs will serve to show the spirit and purpose of the address.

"The one best possible result of a common-school education,—its great end and aim,—should be to prepare the children of the community for the far greater work of educating themselves."

He condemns "a system which brings a community up in the idea that a poor knowledge of the rudiments of reading, writing and arithmetic constitutes in itself an education. On the contrary, the great end of the common-school system is something more than to teach children to read: it should, if it is to accomplish its mission, also impart to them a love of reading.

"Our educational system stops just where its assistance might be made invaluable, — just where instruction ceases to

be drudgery and becomes a source of pleasure. What I want to suggest to you grammar-school teachers is that it is in the power of each one of you to introduce a great spirit of improvement into your schools and at the same time the greatest pleasure and interest a true teacher can have into your own lives.

"I want very much indeed to see our town Library become a more living element in our school system,—its complement, in fact. Neither trustee nor librarian—no matter how faithful or zealous they may be—can make it so, for we cannot know enough of the individual scholars to give them that which they personally need and which they only will take. You cannot feed them until you know what they like; and that we, in dealing with the mass, cannot get at. You teachers, however, can get at it if you choose."

I have italicized the sentence above, because it sums up the situation. The work lies with the teacher. The personal care required devolves upon him; and to him comes the personal reward, the incomparable satisfaction of feeling that he has done what nobody else could have done in developing the latent capacity of many a young mind and in giving to society at least a few men and women of exceptional ability and usefulness. In this great work the librarian can co-operate; but the initiative lies with the teacher. Thus far overtures for a combination of effort have come mainly from librarians. Principal Metcalf says: "My experience teaches that there is a greater degree of readiness on the part of librarians to serve the schools than of teachers to accept such service."

PROGRESS - THE NEW BUILDING.

In the absorbing prospect of new quarters other improvements seem insignificant. Yet mention should be

made of the fact that the revision and rewriting of the card catalogue has been begun, and that some progress has been made towards the preparation of an index to portraits. The latter numbers so far about 2,500 cards and has already proved useful.

The corner-stone of the new building was laid October 2, with appropriate ceremonies, an account of which will be found in an appendix. The general plan of the building was mentioned in my last report; and a full description can better be given when the new quarters are completed and occupied. It may not, however, be out of place to speak of some of the principal features.

At the head of the list of essentials which I gave to the architect in the very outset were placed light and ventilation. Of these he promises there will be no lack. The rooms will enjoy comparative freedom from dust; but unless something is done to abate the smoke nuisance, the annoyance and damage from that source will be greater than ever.

Three features which promise great satisfaction to those who use the library are the large, well-lighted study-room, which will contain the bulk of the reference books, the "Teachers' Department," where classes may assemble for the consultation of books under the direction of their teachers, and a space in the delivery room for the display and unrestricted examination of all new books added to the collection.

THE TECHNOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

With an ample fund the "Technological Collection" can be made one of the most useful departments of the library. Twenty thousand dollars is required to supply this department with the best books in the productive and mechanic arts. One thousand of this is offered by one man. Several others have promised \$100 each. The bulk

of the fund is still to be raised. I do not hesitate to say that there is no other way in which the outlay of \$20,000 would do so much for the material and intellectual progress of the city. The chief boast of the nineteenth century is the wonderful progress of applied science, the marvellous improvements in transportation, communication and manu facture. Further advances must be based on a knowledge of what has already been accomplished. If we want our mechanics and inventors and scientific investigators to give St. Louis the prestige and profit of new inventions and better methods, we must secure for them access to the world's record of progress. Brain power is mightier than steam: an idea may possess greater force than the strongest dynamo, and be of more value than a mountain of silver.

Works on technology are very costly and in the aggregate beyond the purchasing power of individuals. One book in a public library will serve many persons, illustrating the principle of the "multiplication of utility" which Jevons presented as one of the strong arguments for public libraries. What a waste for each of ten men to buy a \$40 book which he needs to read but once, or consult occasionally, when one copy would have done for all, leaving the remaining \$360 for the purchase of other works on the same subject!

SHALL THE LIBRARY BE FREE?

The Library Act of 1885 authorizes the citizens of St. Louis to levy a tax of $\frac{1}{5}$ of a mill for the establishment of a free public library. This tax would yield \$40,000 to \$50,000 a year. This would be only eight to ten cents from each inhabitant. Is there any other way by which that amount of money would produce as great results? The School Board has shown an earnest desire to give the people of St. Louis the benefit of a free library. The only

reason for hesitation or delay is the question whether the additional appropriation required can be spared from the school revenues. For a while, with some sacrifice of growth, the Library could be maintained as a free library on an income of \$25,000 a year; but for its proper growth and maintenance the full amount accruing from the fifth-mill tax is required. The question as to the availability of the state law should be settled at once; and if a legal obstacle exists, it should be removed as soon as possible by a charter amendment. The sooner a beginning is made, the earlier will the end be accomplished.

It is not beyond the bounds of hope that the solution of the problem may be hastened and simplified by private munificence. Grounds for such hope may be found in the fact that \$25,000,000 has been given for founding and endowing public libraries in the United States in recent years. Such gifts are reported with increasing frequency. the last year, besides numerous gifts of less note, Mrs. Hazard has saved her uncle's, Governor Tilden's, will from entire defeat by voluntarily giving \$2,000,000 of her share of the property for the establishment of a free library in New York; and Andrew Carnegie has increased his fund for the Pittsburg Public Library to \$2,100,000 this being the fifth library he has founded or endowed. True benevolence consists in helping people to help themselves; and it is generally recognized that the most efficient way to accomplish this is to educate them in youth. In recent years thoughtful people have begun to realize that the public library is a necessary complement of the public school and. beyond the barest rudiments, the most efficient instrument for popular education. It is truly the "Peoples' University," with innumerable elective courses adapted to every age, condition and aim in life. No one who can read is too young or too ignorant to matriculate; no one so old or so wise as not to gather further wisdom and instruction. It is

a realization of these facts that has turned philanthropy toward the public library as the most powerful agent of social amelioration; the institution that can reach and benefit all the people and, in its universal service as a public educator, become the surest foundation of law and order. To quote again from the autobiography of the bootblack who became a minister through the inspiration and the aid of the Boston public library:—

"The Public School finds a eulogist in every candidate for popular favor. I, too, could speak well of the public school. But when I am asked how I obtained my start in life, I shall always answer, 'Through a Public Library.'"

THE FREE LIBRARY MOVEMENT.

THE EXAMPLE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Massachusetts, the pioneer in so many important movements, has taken the lead in free libraries. It has long had the distinction of including within its borders more than half of all the public libraries in the Union.* It was the first State to establish, two years ago, a Free Public Library Commission, in which step it was immediately followed by New Hampshire. The first report of this Commission, published February 1, 1891, begins with the following interesting and significant statement:—

"This collection of facts relating to the free public libraries in Massachusetts has been made for the purpose of showing what facilities for the free use of books are available to the citizens of each town and city in the Commonwealth, and to record the generous gifts of individuals

^{*} Query: Is there any connection between this and the fact that Massachusetts has more savings banks than any other State in the Union, and, except New York (which it greatly exceeds pro rata), five times as may depositors as any other State, and more than ten times the number possessed by several States of greater population? Is there not here the reciprocal action of cause and effect?

for the foundation and maintenance of libraries and the construction of library buildings. The simple record is one that needs no comment. In 1839, the Hon. Horace Mann, then Secretary of the Board of Education, stated, as the result of a careful effort to obtain authentic information relative to the libraries in the State, that there were from ten to fifteen town libraries, containing in the aggregate from three to four thousand volumes, to which all the citizens of the town had the right of access; that the aggregate number of volumes in the public libraries, of all kinds, in the State was about 300,000; and that but little more than 100,000 persons, or one-seventh of the population of the State had any right of access to them. A little over a half century has passed. There are now 175 towns and cities having free public libraries under municipal control, and 248 of the 351 towns and cities contain libraries in which the people have rights or free privileges. There are about 2,500,000 volumes in these libraries, available for the use of 2,104,224 of the 2,238,943 inhabitants which the State contains according to the census of 1890.

- "The gifts of individuals in money, not including gifts of books, for libraries and library buildings, exceed five and a half million dollars.
- "There are still 103 towns in the State, with an aggregate population of 134,719, which do not have the benefit of the free use of a public library. These are almost without exception small towns, with a slender valuation, and 67 of them show a decline in population in the past five years. The State has taken the initiative in aiding the formation of free public libraries in such towns; and it is hoped that this statement of facts may lead those who are natives of, or have an especial interest in, these towns, to do for them what generous benefactors have wisely done for so many other towns in the Commonwealth."

The report contains photogravures of sixty-eight free library buildings recently erected. Of these forty-eight are gifts, four bequests, six partly gifts and nine built by appropriations from towns or cities. These figures are a pretty plain indication of a growing desire among wealthy men to enjoy the noble usufruct of philanthropy in this life, — as well as the increasing realization of the fact, to which I have before alluded, that giving free access to good books is the best way to help people to help themselves.

"Silver from the living
Is gold in the giving:
Gold from the dying
Is but silver a flying:
Gold and silver from the dead
Turn too often into lead."

The second report of the Commission shows the work accomplished during the year in reducing the number of towns without free libraries from 103 to 66, "so that about four and one-eighth per cent. of our people are now without this blessing." With more than 95 per cent. of the people enjoying access to free libraries, is it any wonder that nearly 50 per cent. of the entire population, men, women and children, have deposits in savings banks?

THE FREE LIBRARY IN ENGLAND.

Appreciation of the value of public libraries is not confined to Massachusetts, or to the United States. New Hampshire's lead, in enacting in 1849 the first statute for the establishment and support of free town libraries, was immediately followed by the English Free Public Libraries Act in 1850. Massachusetts came next in 1851. The first library established under the English law was at Manchester in 1852. Manchester is very little larger than St. Louis; yet its Public Library contains more than 200,000

volumes, and issued last year more than a million and a half books, while visitors to the newspaper rooms alone exceeded three million.

The Sunday visitors reached an aggregate of 263,309; and the books used in the rooms on that day numbered 139,292, nearly twice as many as we cannot report for all the days in the year.

The lack of civic pride and unity of action, which comes from its unwieldy size, long deprived London of the advantages of the Free Library Act; but once awakened, the giant is moving forward with enormous strides. Until 1886 nothing was done. In that year four parishes adopted the act. By December, 1891, the number was increased to 29; and now there are 30 free libraries' and branches in London possessing over 250,000 volumes, and issuing over 3,000,000 volumes per annum.

In Paris the movement began in 1878 and has been even more rapid. There are now more than 60 free libraries, which last year issued nearly 1 1-2 million volumes. Examples could easily be multiplied indefinitely; but enough have been cited in this and previous reports to illustrate the force of Col. Higginson's comparison of the modern library and the mediæval cathedral. "Nothing," he says, "comes so near the great impulse which built within less than a century the vast European cathedrals as the impulse which is dotting our land with public libraries."

The Boston Advertiser closes a column editorial with these words:

- "Thus is the public library one of the grandest of educators, the spread of which more and more is raising our country daily higher and higher in the plane of civilization. No money is wasted which is expended from the public purse in enhancing its value and its effectiveness."
- In the foregoing report, besides furnishing the statistical information required by the rules, I have endeavored to

indicate the scope and character of the work accomplished by the Library, the spirit in which that work is done and its importance to the community. I have also tried to point out the beneficent possibilities that lie in this Library when it shall receive an adequate support and be made entirely free to all the people of St. Louis. A united and determined effort on the part of your honorable body and the Board of Public Schools, I am sure will accomplish the end which recent action and utterance has shown to be the unanimous desire of the members of both boards.

With thanks for renewed evidences of appreciation and confidence, and with firm belief that the near future will see the realization of our hopes and aims, I have the honor to be

Faithfully yours,
FREDERICK M. CRUNDEN,

April 8th, 1892.

Librarian.

APPENDIX NO. I.

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Anonymous		5	Boutell, Francis M., Groton,		
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St. Louis, Tageblatt.

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St. Louis, Westliche-Post.

Sydney, N. S. W., Morning Herald.

Weekly -

Atlanta, Railroad Record. Bath, Eng., Phonetic Journal. Boston, Christian Register.

Boston, Living Issues.

Boston, Our Dumb Animals.

Boston, Self Help and Home Study.

Boston, Textile Manufacturing World.

Chicago, Evening Lamp.

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Cincinnati, Economist.

Colton, Cal., Chronicle.

Denver, Mining Industry and Tradesman.

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Patriot.

New York, Church Union.

New York, Jewelers' Weekly.

New York, Free Russia.

Weekly -

New York, New Church Messenger.

New York, New Earth.

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New York, Oil, Paint and Drug Reporter.

New York, Pointer, A.

New York, Students' Journal.

Pilot Grove, Mo., Cooper Co. Leader.

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St. Louis, Shoe and Leather Gazette.

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St. Louis, Star-Sayings.

St. Louis, Stove and Hardware Reporter.

St. Louis, Sunday Mirror.

St. Louis, Western Watchman.

San Diego, Süd-California Deutsche Zeitung. Weekly -

Santa Monica, Cal., Outlook. Sydney, N. S. W., Mail. Topeka, Western Odd Fellow.

Monthly ---

Boston, Civil Service Record.
Boston, New Jerusalem Record.
Boston, Unitarian Review.
Canada, Educational Monthly.
Chicago, Humane Record.
Chicago, Office Men's Record.
Hartford, Travelers' Record.
Honolulu, Paradise of the Pacific.

Indianapolis, Civil Service Chronicle.

Monthly -

Keokuk, Central School Journal Melbourne, Argus.

St. Louis, Altruist.

St. Louis, Archives of Dentistry.

St. Louis, El Commercio del Valle.

St. Louis, Farm Machinery.

St. Louis, Home Circle.

St. Louis, Inland Journal of Education.

St. Louis, Medical Journal.

St. Louis, Philatelic Journal of America.

St. Louis, Student Life.

St. Louis, Truth.

APPENDIX NO. II.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS ADDED JULY 1, 1890, TO JULY 1, 1891.

Bannerman, Jas.
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Espenchied, Chas.
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Green, Geo. A.
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Hartmann, Dr. H. C.
Heitzig, Dr. Frank
Hermann, Dr. H. W.
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Mayfield, Dr. W. H.

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Remme, Dr. Chas.
Repetto, Henry A.
Rohlfing, Dr. H. A. L.
Schumpf, Arthur O. H.
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Spinzig, Felix
Steinberg, Dr. F. R. B. von
Van Graafeiland, Cora
Wyman, Chas. H.

Life membership certificates, Nos. 4116 to 4151 inclusive.

APPENDIX NO. III.

EXERCISES AT THE LAYING OF THE CORNER-STONE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDING, ST. LOUIS, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1891, FOUR O'CLOCK, P. M.

At the meeting of the Board of Public Schools, March 10, 1891, Mr. McEntire offered the following resolution:—

In order that the laying of the corner-stone of the Board and Library building may be carried out with that ceremony which an occasion of the kind demands,

Be it Resolved, That the President of this Board and three of its members, to be appointed by the President, in conjunction with three members of the Library Board, arrange a suitable program for the occasion aforesaid.

In accordance with this resolution committees were appointed as follows: from the School Board, President Miller and Messrs. Walter F. McEntire, Jack P. Richardson, John M. Dutro; and from the Library Board, Messrs. O. L. Whitelaw, T. A. Meysenburg, Geo. O. Carpenter, Jr., and Frederick M. Crunden. These two Committees forming a joint Committee of Arrangements, held several meetings, agreed upon a program suggested by Mr. McEntire, and appointed Messrs. McEntire and Crunden a Committee on Program with power to settle all details and make all arrangements necessary to carry out the exercises.

Cards of invitation were sent to all ex-members and officers of the School and Library Boards individually; collective invitations were sent to the Merchants' Exchange, Mercantile Club, Faculty of Washington University, teachers of Public Schools and other bodies: and citizens generally were invited through the press.

The chorus of five hundred boys, selected from the grammar schools and drilled by Directors Hodgdon and Bumiller, together with a platoon of the L'Ouverture cadets, assembled at the Polytechnic building. Accompanied by their Principals and headed by the band they marched to the new building. They were followed by the officers and members of the School and Library Boards marshaled by Chairman McEntire. Three hundred chairs were provided for persons presenting cards; and besides these a large throng in the rear and filling the sidewalks listened to the following

PROGRAM.

Music — Band.

Opening Prayer — Very Rev. Philip P. Brady, Vicar-General Catholic Arch-diocese of St. Louis.

Chorus - Public School Pupils.

Address — Richard Bartholdt, Member of the Board of Public Schools. Laying of the Corner-stone — * Hon. Stephen D. Barlow.

Music — Band and Chorus.

Address — Rev. J. C. Learned, President of the Public Library.

Closing Prayer — Rev. Montgomery Schuyler, D. D.

Chorus — National Anthem, "America," Public School Pupils.

Music — Band.

On a page of the program, opposite the order of exercises, appeared the following: —

THE BOARD OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The Board of President and Directors of the St. Louis Public Schools was organized in 1833. Its first President was Mary P. Leduc, who held that position until 1840. The first Superintendent of Public Schools was Geo. K. Budd, who served gratuitously during the year 1839.

The first Public School was opened April 2d, 1838. In 1841 three schools were in operation. Now, 1891, there are seventy-nine schools occupying one hundred and five buildings, with a total enrollment last year of 64,584 pupils.

The receipts of the year ending June 30th, 1891, amounted to \$1,293,955.26, and the total expenditures were \$1,279,672.01.

The chief source of the Board's revenue is a four-mill tax on the real and personal property of St. Louis. Of late years this has proved insufficient to meet the demands of a school population that increases in a larger ratio than the taxable wealth of the city. In order to erect additional school buildings and to replace buildings out of date, it is proposed to levy a special tax of one mill for one year for building purposes.

^{*} Mr. Barlow (then President of the Public Schools and a member of the legislature), obtained the Charter of the Library and was its first President.

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

On the 9th of December, 1865, the Public School Library Society opened its collection of 1,500 volumes in rented rooms on the southeast corner of Fifth and Olive streets. In April, 1869, the Library was transferred to the Board of Public Schools; and in the same year it was removed to the Polytechnic building. In 1884 the name was changed from Public School to Public Library.

The first Librarian was John J. Bailey, who was succeeded in 1877 by the present incumbent.

The collection now contains nearly 80,000 volumes, covering in fair proportion every department of knowledge. Last year 197,620 books and 96,831 periodicals were issued to readers and students.

The Library is free for reference purposes. Full privileges of membership are offered to all residents of St. Louis at \$2 a year.

After a selection had been played by the band, Mr. Chas. F. Miller, who as President of the School Board, presided over the ceremonies, announced that the exercises would begin with a prayer by Father Brady.

The remarks with which Father Brady prefaced his prayer and the invocation offered by him were as follows:—

REMARKS AND PRAYER BY VICAR-GENERAL BRADY.

My Fellow-Citizens:

We are assembled here this afternoon to witness the simple but very significant ceremony of laying the cornerstone of the new and needed Public Library building.

The program prepared by the Committee requests that the exercises begin with a prayer. Permit me to say, that on the present occasion this is at it ought to be. "Nisi Dominus aedificaverit domum, in vanum laboraverunt qui

aedificant eam." Unless the Lord build the house, in vain do they labor who build it. This is the case with ordinary houses. But a Public Library building, as you easily understand, in no ordinary building. When we look at yonder magnificent structure — the Custom House and Post-office of the United States — we consider not so much its granite and its architecture and its cost, as we consider its useful purposes and the mighty Government which it represents. This building is to be interesting, not because of its great height, and fair proportions, and comfortable compartments, but for the grand uses for which the tax-payers of our city intend to set it apart. The home and the school are the foundation, the Public Library should be the superstructure of the education of a community. Our greatest men have been self-educated men. Public libraries tend to increase the number of the self-educated. The quality of books, and not their quantity, constitutes the valuable Library. The city's morals to a great extent, depend upon the city's literature. An ambitious man was he who dared to say that if he had the writing of a nation's songs he did not care who made its laws; what would he have done if he had the composing of a nation's books! Books which lead men to God, the Fountain of Wisdom and the Source of Knowledge. Books which teach meu why they should love and help their. fellow-men. Books which enlighten and strengthen the minds of men. Books which enlarge and fire the hearts of men, these and such as these are the books which make the great Library. That the Public Library of St. Louis may be a great and useful library is our prayer this afternoon. Let us therefore place ourselves in the holy presence of God, and in spirit and in truth let us pray: -

O Lord, Almighty and All-Wise, we prostrate ourselves in Thy presence. We thank Thee, for Thou hast blest us in many ways. As a people we have ungratefully and often offended Thee — we beg Thy pardon. As long as we live

here below, and it may not be long, we need Thy help, hence we implore Thy assistance on this day, we ask Thee to bless this work. Bless, O Lord, these foundation walls, and their chief corner-stone. Bless the superstructure. Bless its completion. Bless the workmen and preserve them from all danger. Bless the books which will find a resting-place in this building—the books healthful to mind and heart. Bless the guardians of good books. Bless and guide the pens of the makers of literature. Bless and enlighten and warm the intellects and hearts of the readers of books—so that, in consequence of this Public Library, to Thee, O God, may be still greater glory, and among men, still greater peace and better will. Amen.

After the singing of the "Red, White and Blue," by the chorus, Mr. Richard Bartholdt delivered an address as the representative of the Board of Public Schools.

After a few words of welcome to the assembled guests and of thanks for the interest they showed by their presence, Mr. Bartholdt referred to certain divisions that had existed in the School Board and said that in spite of many differences of opinion on other subjects the work of erecting this building had united the sympathies and efforts of all members of the Board, and it would stand as a symbol of the good fruit that was ripened by the sunshine of harmony.

After dwelling upon the significance of the building as the mainspring by which all the delicate and complex machinery of the school-system was kept in motion, or the central sun which held the planets in their places, the speaker exhorted his hearers to take an active interest in school elections, the most important in the Republic, and not to allow the schools to be wrested from the hands of their friends, and fall into those of their enemies. In conclusion the orator said:—

"Every true friend of the cause of public education—and loyalty to American institutions requires such friend-

ship — will join me in the fervent wish that the great building to be erected over the corner-stone we lay to-day may forever be the home of honest, incorruptible men, a temple of progressive American thoughts, a palace worthy of the great and good city of St. Louis, and a monument worthy of the great cause to which it is devoted."

President Miller then read the following brief account of the inception and progress of the work of erecting the building:—

"At the regular meeting of the St. Louis School Board held May 12, 1889, the following was offered:—

"' Whereas, this Board owns unimproved and unleased real estate in the city and county of St. Louis, belonging to the Permanent Fund, worth at a fair estimate, at least \$300,000, producing no income whatever; and since a fireproof building is imperatively needed to preserve the Public Library and records belonging to the Board, and to save insurance against loss by fire, in the central business portion of the city; and whereas, the Benton School property, on the northwest corner of Ninth and Locust streets, now owned by the Board, is a most excellent location for the Library and offices, as well as for business purposes; and it being the opinion of intelligent real estate and business men that said property, in the near future, will be worth double what it is worth to-day; and whereas, the same is now offered for sale by the Board at a sum not less than \$127,-500, being \$1,000 per front foot on Locust street; and whereas, a fire-proof building similar to the new Mercautile Library, built by the Board upon said property would not only be centrally located for Library, Board room and office purposes, but, when built and ready for occupancy, would yield a permanent income of at least 5 per cent. per annum upon the cost thereof, as it would belong to the Board and being occupied for Library and school purposes would not be subject to taxation; therefore

- "" Resolved, That it is the sense of this Board that said property should be withdrawn from sale, and that the Board should sell enough of its unleased, unimproved and vacant property belonging to the Permanent Fund, and with the proceeds erect a suitable fire-proof building thereon—say, seven stories high, the top one for Library purposes and the one next to the top for Board room and office purposes, and the five lower stories for business purposes, thereby creating a permanent paying investment out of the proceeds of property which is now unproductive."
- "This being referred to the proper committees, they recommended the sale of certain lands, the proceeds of which to be used for the erection of a fire-proof building on this lot.
- "Believing that a sufficient sum would be realized from this sale of land, the School Board, on the 14th day of January, 1890, decided upon the selection of Mr. Isaac S. Taylor, the well-known architect, to prepare suitable plans for the building. Mr. Taylor having had ample time, spared no pains, freely consulted with the officers of the Board, with the Librarian of our Public Library and with the Building Committee. He prepared a most excellent plan, also specifications; they were submitted in their completeness to the committees, by whom they were reported to the Board on the 24th day of February, 1891, and unanimously adopted, and on the 14th day of April, 1891, the contract to erect the building was awarded to Messrs. Anderson Bros.
- "Credit is especially due for the inception of this work, for the intelligent manner in which it was brought to the Board, for the sagacity shown in providing 'ways and means,' to one of the most modest, yet one of the strongest members of the Board, a staunch friend and supporter of our schools, I refer to Mr. Wm. Koenig.
 - "The foundation of this building is laid we are now

assembled, members and ex-members of our Board and of the Library Board, patrons, scholars and fellow-citizens, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of a building which is to be used largely for public free education."

Secretary Crunden read letters of congratulation and regret from ex-Presidents James Richardson and F. N. Judson and announced the following contents of the copper box to be deposited in the corner-stone:—

CONTENTS OF BOX.

- 1. Last City Directory. (Presented by Gould Directory Co.)
- 2. Charter of the City of St. Louis.
- 3. Last Mayor's Message and list of City officers.
- 4. Organization and membership of Municipal Assembly.
- 5. Last Annual Report of Board of Public Schools.
- 6. Last Annual Report of Public Library.
- 7. Rules and Regulations of School Board.
- 8. Rules and Regulations of Library.
- 9. Copy of program, etc., relating to the laying of the Corner-stone.
- 10. City papers published Friday, Oct. 2d, 1891.
- 11. Engraving of the new building.
- 12. Cut of Polytechnic Building, and lithograph of Ames Hall.
- 13. Business cards of I. S. Taylor, Architect, and Anderson Bros., Builders.

President Miller then announced that the corner-stone would be laid by Hon. Stephen D. Barlow, who obtained the Charter of the Library and was its first President. A handsomely plated and engraved trowel and hammer, furnished by Simmons Hardware Co., were handed to Mr. Barlow by Chairman McEntire.

Mr. Barlow reported the performance of the part assigned to him in these words:—

"Mr. President:

"I am pleased to announce that the work of placing the corner-stone of this important edifice, which is being constructed for the use of the Board of Education and

of the Public Library of the City of St. Louis, is now completed. And I beg you to accept my congratulations that the work of providing for these important purposes has been so auspiciously commenced. And it is to be hoped the inhabitants of the City of St. Louis may ever appreciate and cherish these institutions as they deserve."

After another musical number Rev. John C. Learned, President of the Board of Managers of the Public Schools, delivered the following address:—

ADDRESS BY PRESIDENT LEARNED.

The beginning of an enterprise of great importance to the welfare of St. Louis, has been successfully inaugurated. The corner-stone of a building for the better administration of our Public School system, has been laid with suitable ceremonies and by appropriate hands.

I consider it a favorable omen for the future of this undertaking, that Stephen D. Barlow, a citizen long known among us, and held in high favor for his services in the cause of education, has lent to this occasion his presence and the act of his approval.

This edifice is erected to serve not only the purposes of a bureau of public instruction, but the wants of a library.

The library is not a modern institution. Its beginning may be seen in the oldest civilizations. It dates back to Egypt and Asyria, when the walls of palaces and temples were covered with hieroglyphic or cuneiform inscriptions, when rolls of papyrus were laid away with mummies or stored up in tombs, when tablets and cones of terra cotta were written over with the transactions of remote centuries.

But our conception of the purposes of a Library is essentially new. The ancients thought chiefly of the accumulation and protection of books and records. And for these

ends they were wise. They chose means far surpassing any employed by us.

To be sure, we guard our treasures of manuscripts, of rare and fine books as well as we can. We put over them a solid fireproof building, as secure as modern art knows how to contrive. Yet we have nothing to resist the tooth of time like the rock chambers and pyramids of the Nile.

Attention is called to the fact that in our age of cheap book making, the material of books grows more and more perishable; our climate is damp and destructive; while the stone cylinders and clay tablets taken from the buried cities of the Euphrates, though written upon 4,000 and even 5,000 years ago, still tell their living story, and are perfectly legible.

If this city of St. Louis were overthrown or left to moulder, nothing of this building when perfected, still less anything of its contents, could be identified in a thousand years.

As I said, however, our object in creating a library is different from that of the ancients. They collected books for the few, for the privileged classes; we buy and distribute them for the many. They hoarded books for future ages; we spend them for our own. They sought to preserve literature from decay; we expose it, wear it out, by putting it to constant and widest uses. Instead of locking up this knowledge in great royal depositories, we would disseminate it among the people. We would preserve it in the circulating life and thought of the times, in the successive generations of men. In short, we would incarnate it, so to speak, in the body of our civilization; and thus by vitalizing society we would save it from that decline and overthrow which befell the empires of the past.

We have placed this Library in our plan above the administrative bureau of our Public Schools. Thus it would

seem to be the capital and crown of our system of public education. Not less when the doors of the school shut behind the youth, will the doors of the Library stand open to him; inviting him to enter in, to converse with the world's wisest and worthiest, to walk in the highest companionship of the moral and intellectual life.

John Locke said: "Education begins the gentleman, but reading, good company and reflection must finish him." We would offer this institution to the public as our aid to mental culture, and as a stimulus to noble aims. "The newspaper," said a recent speaker, "is the library of the moment, the ibrary is the newspaper of all time." Here all may come to read the record of man's experience, of his success or failure, where the story of a thousand years may be scanned as one day.

What solemn and needed lessons may we not learn within these walls when they are made rich by the presence of great authors, with the learning of our own day and with the history and poetry of the past!

Only one thing is lacking. It is that the resources and advantages of this Library be made as free as our schools. To this building every man, woman and child should come for a book, for that life and help and education which a book can give, without money and without price, just as freely as to the courses of instruction provided by the State.

That is the next step to be gained. When that is accomplished the career of the Public Library will be fully assured. It will then be a Public Library; not in name only, but in fact. And this is our last word on this occasion. We make our appeal to the public-spirited citizens of this city, to aid the officers of this library in bringing about this, this consumation of their hope — to give free reading to all the people, in all the homes of St. Louis.

The benediction was then pronounced by Rev. Montgomery Schuyler, D. D., Dean of Christ Church Cathedral. The national anthem, "America," was sung, and the crowd slowly dispersed.



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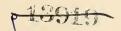
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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

To the Honorable Board of President and Directors of the St. Louis Public Schools:

GENTLEMEN—The year just closed has been an eventful one in the history of the Public Library. Perhaps no other era since its foundation has been fraught with so much of interest to its future welfare and usefulness.

The particular event, and that which we have all anxiously awaited, was the removal from the dark, crowded, poorly ventilated and ill adapted rooms in the Polytechnic Building, an inconvenient location, with unpleasant surroundings, to the new, beautiful and commodious rooms which your public spirited generosity and far sighted policy provided for the Library to enable it to best serve its purpose.

The great delay in moving and the difficulties surrounding the undertaking are known to you. We point with some degree of satisfaction to the short time during which the Library was obliged to close and the economy with which the task was performed. We wish to express our appreciation of the cheerful readiness with which the entire working force from the Librarian to the janitors assumed this extra work amid surroundings most trying and disagreeable.

The value of the Library (until a careful inventory can be made) has been placed at \$100,000; and insurance to cover the requirements of the Board of Underwriters to the amount of \$75,000 has been placed. One year ago my predecessor raised the question, "Is St. Louis to have a Free Public Library?" Fully appreciating the great importance of this question to our city and feeling the demands on your honorable Board for every dollar that could be realized from any source, your Board of Managers determined to see if it were

not possible for St. Louis to avail herself of the statute passed by the Legislature in 1885 familiar to you all.

The first step was taken when the opinion was obtained from an eminent lawyer as to the applicability of this law to St. Louis and the various legal points involved. We wish here to bear testimony to the great service rendered in this most worthy cause, by the Hon. Frederick N. Judson, who took time, and with much care and research, prepared gratuitously for your Board of Managers an elaborate opinion which has been the basis of all our proceedings. Early in the winter it was deemed best to call to our assistance, in furthering the detail of this work, a larger circle of influence; and a citizens' committee was organized, which prosecuted the work with such vigor, that at the April election, the legal voters decided by a large majority, to secure for themselves and their children this great boon, a Free Public Library, denied to them longer in St. Louis than in any other city in the country.

The necessary expenses of this citizens' committee were paid by the Board of Managers of the Library. This, together with the unusual expenses of moving, has made sad inroads on the book fund at our disposal.

At present writing the problem of providing in detail the necessary fund, in accordance with the law, is being worked out by the Municipal authorities and it is confidently hoped that before another year has passed St. Louis will have in fact, as well as name, a Public Library free to all. The report of our most efficient Librarian herewith submitted, gives in detail the particular work done. In closing we wish to thank the President and members of your Board for their ready and cheerful assistance in behalf of the Library and also to publicly acknowledge the great assistance rendered us by the press of the city in keeping the public informed of the progress and importance of the free library movement.

Respectfully submitted,

OSCAR L. WHITELAW,
President of the Board of Managers.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

To the Honorable Board of Managers of the St. Louis Public Library:

I have the honor to present herewith my fifteenth annual report for the year ending June 30th, 1892, the 27th year of the Library's existence.

The following table, with the Treasurer's report, shows the RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1892.

DR.		CR.	•
To Life Memberships Temporary Memberships. School "	\$96 00 1,532 00 780 00	By Salaries	\$12,154 40
South Branch "	52 00	" Coll. Dupli., 125 85 " Med, Soc'y 60 76	3,789 47
Med. Society " Non-resident " Fines Coll. Duplicates Issues, @ 5c\$767 40 Magazines sold 75 80	249 00 3 00 1,096 15	Advertising	24 15 909 80 789 08 234 25 49 80
Books sold, lost and paid for 7 00 Books sold, lost and paid	850 20	Insurance	848 70 160 00 193 88 - 216 39
for. Catalogues and bulletins. Old paper. Cash donation Postage refunded. Rebate on books. Rebate on periodicals.	63 55 15 75 1 20 4 25 4 00 2 50 1 00	Staflonery	173 04
Desk receipts	4,750 60		
School Board appropriat'n	14,000 00		
Total receipts	18,750 60	Total expenditures	19,542 96
1891Balance in contingent fund	836 41	Balance in Treas. July 1, 1892	68 66
July 1st, 1891	65 37	Balance in contingent fund July 1st, 1892	40 76
_	19,652 38		19,652 38

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

Public Library, St. Louis, July 1, 1892.

To the Honorable Board of Managers:

The undersigned Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of President and Directors of the St. Louis Public Schools, said Board being the depository of the funds of the St. Louis Public Library, respectfully submits the following report of the receipts and expenditures in the Library fund for the year ending June 30, 1892:

Balance in Treasury June 30, 1891	836	41
Amount deposited by Secretary Public Schools	14,000	00
Amount deposited by Librarian Public Library	4,750	60

	 \$19,587	OI
Amount paid out on warrants	19,518	35
Balance in Treasury June 30, 1892	 \$6 8	66

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

JAMES Y. PLAYER,

Secretary and Treasurer, Board of President and Directors St. Louis Public Schools.

MEMBERSHIP.

During the year 824 new members were enrolled. The gain in the last seven years is shown by the following table:—

MEMBERSHIPS IN FORCE.

			July 1, '85.	July 1, '92.
Perpetual meml	pership	s	. 47	47
Life	"		. 3,899	4.036
Beneficiary life	1.1			136
Honorary	6.6			52
Kindergarten	4.6			194
Temporary	4.6		. 979	1,521
		•		
Totals			4 . 925	5,986

NEW MEMBERSHIPS ADDED AND OLD MEMBERSHIPS RENEWED.

YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1892.

Life memberships:	
Subscription	
School Directors)
Beneficiary 21	58
Temporary memberships:	
Subscription	
Kindergarten 244	
Honorary 21	2,126
Total	2,184

The first of the foregoing tables shows that the number of paying members has increased from 979 in 1885 to 1521 in 1892.

ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY.

The total number of books catalogued and placed on the shelves during the year was 3,532, classified as follows:—

CLASSES.	Regular Library.	Collection of Duplicates.	TOTALS.
Philosophy	29		29
Theology	154		154
ocial science	804		804
Natural science	496		496
Art and poetry	148		148
Fiction	518	145	663
uvenile literature	183	10	193
iterary miscellany	161	2	163
Travels and history	393	1	394
'yclopedias and periodicals	488		488
	3374	158	3532
Source.			
Purchase	2135	158	2293
lift	. 844	1	844
Pamphlets bound	1	4	1
Periodicals bound	394		$39\hat{4}$
	3374	158	3532
LANGUAGE.			
English	2965	158	3123
English	125		125
ierman	272		272
other languages	. 12		12
	3374	158	3532

BOOKS WORN OUT, LOST AND PAID FOR, ETC.

Worn out and condemned	314
Lost and paid for	42
Charged to members	37
Totals.	393
Total additions.	3532
Less above	393
Net increase	3139

Of the 314 volumes worn out 147 were replaced by new copies; and of the 42 volumes lost and paid for, 23 were so replaced. The preceding year 43 volumes were lost and paid for and 21 volumes replaced: the year before that the losses from this source numbered 49 volumes.

The additions for the year include 320 back volumes of periodicals bought to complete sets and a number of exceptionally valuable books. A few titles are given below as illustrations. It is evidence of careful buying that, including such expensive works as Larousse, Dore's Bible, etc., the average cost of the books purchased was \$1.44.

Allen. History and antiquities of Lond. 4v. O. Betterton. History of the English stage. O. Bible. Illustrated by Doré. 2v. F. Bunsen. Bibelwerk. 9v. Q.

Collier, J. Short view of the profaneness and immorality of the English stage, 1698. D.

Colling. Art foliage. Q.

Cowley. Works; 1710-11. 3v. D.

Flaxman. Anatomical studies. F.

Iliade d'Homere. F.

Ouvrages d'Hesiode. F. Tragedies d'Eschylus. F.

Hipkins. Musical instruments. F5.

Hutchinson. Coll. of papers concerning Mass. Bay. D.

History of the Colony of Mass. Bay. D.

Kaulbach. Goethe's female characters. F.

Koehler. Illustrations of the history of art. 2v. F.

Larousse. Grand dictionnaire universel. 17v. F.

Lippmann. Art of wood engraving in Italy. Q.

Muir. Original Sanscrit texts. 5v. O.

Prynne, W. Histriomastix, the players' scourge. 1633. D.

Reuss, La Bible. 8v. O.

Robinson. Prang's progressive studies in water-color painting. F.

Witham. Descriptive treatise on constructive engineering. 1891. O.

EXCHANGES AND DONATIONS.

The increase from this source amounts to the gratifying total of 1019 volumes and 1904 pamphlets. A complete list, with names of the donors, will be found in an appendix. The New York, Pennsylvania and Vermont State Libraries continue among our most valuable exchanges. Thanks are due to Secretary Noble and Representative Cobb and to the efficient Superintendent of Documents, Dr. John G. Ames, for numerous favors in the shape of United States publications; and special acknowledgment should be made to Mrs. Geo. O. Carpenter, Jr., and Messrs. C. H. Chapin, I. H. Lionberger and James S. Stevenson for valuable gifts.

The report of the current year (which, it is hoped, will appear more promptly than this) will contain particular mention of the most noteworthy gift that has yet come to the Library from a private source. Since our removal to the new building the Rev. Dr. D. R. McAnally has presented his library of about four thousand volumes. To this will be added the library of his son, D. R. McAnally, Jr., with a fund for the increase of the collection along the lines in which it is especially strong, viz: church history and English literature. The next report will also contain the particulars regarding considerable gifts from the Medico-Chirurgical Society, Deutsche Medicinische Gesellschaft and other medical societies that have allied themselves with the Library.

"Donation has been the source of the principal libraries which have ever or anywhere been founded. It is not easy to conceive that a benevolent and enlightened citizen can leave a more pleasing or lasting monument behind him than a donation of books to a public library, constituting a department on which his name might be inscribed as a benefactor, not only to his own times but to future ages."

CONTENTS OF THE LIBRARY.

Pending the cataloguing of the large gifts referred to above and the taking of an inventory, which will be done this summer, it is useless to attempt an exact exhibit of the contents of the collection. It is sufficient to say that there are now on the shelves about 85,000 volumes.

BINDING.

During the year 716 volumes (periodicals and books received in paper covers) were bound for the first time at a cost of \$483.00; an average of $67\frac{1}{2}$ cents per volume. 1947 volume were rebound at a cost of \$552.20, or 37 cents per volume. Besides these 2629 volumes were repaired in the Library. These cost in wages of the binder \$330, an average of $12\frac{1}{2}$ cents. This repairing consists of something more than patching and pasting in loose leaves. The number reported above includes 629 volumes entirely rebound with new covers, 170 volumes replaced in the old covers and 204 volumes supplied with strips across the backs or otherwise substantially mended so as to save rebinding perhaps for years.

CIRCULATION.

The total issue of books and periodicals shows a gain of 13,725 over the previous year, making a total of 74,664, or nearly 30 per cent in the last five years. Details will be found in the following tables.

ISSUE BY MONTHS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1892.

	Home Use.	Library Use.	Periodicals.	Total.
July	9,705	5,472	5,974	21,151
ugust	9,545	6,197	5,391	21,133
September	8,897	5,670	7,306	21,873
October	9,190	6,838	11.088	27,116
November	9.430	7.804	11.282	28,516
December	11,005	7,260	10,793	29,058
anuary	10,933	7,827	11,207	29,967
ebruary	11,423	7,787	13,265	32,475
farch	12,065	8,167	14,120	34,352
pril	11,393	6,895	12,181	30,469
1ay	10,261	5,655	11,430	27,346
une	8.020	4,131	8,336	20,487
891-92	121.867	79,703	122,373	323,943
890-91	121.970	77,918	110,330	310,218
Gain		1,785	12,043	13,725
Loss	103	A		

CLASSIFIED CIRCULATION

*	Home Issue.	Per Cent.	Library Issue.	Per Cent.	Total Issue of Books.	Per Cent.
Philosophy Theology Social and political sciences. Natural sciences and useful arts. Art. Fiction. Juvenile Literary miscellany Geography and history Cyclopedias and magazines.	890 1,344 2,338 3,826 4,537 65,042 26,798 4,029 9,306 3,757	.73 1.1 1.9 3.12 3.8 53.37 21.98 3.3 7.6 3.1	856 1.554 8.690 8,558 5,243 20,565 7,595 3,683 10.827 12,132	1.08 1.95 10.93 10.74 6.59 25.93 9.53 4.69 13.33 15.22	1,746 2,898 11,028 12,384 9,780 85,607 34,393 7,712 20,133 15,889	.85 1.43 5.46 6.13 4.85 42.47 17.13 3.82 9.98 7.88
Total	121,867	100.00	79,703	100.00	201,570	100.00
Books for home use				199,8	70 1 118 — 88 2	891-2. 21,867 79,703 ————————————————————————————————————
Total Issue in all departments Total issue in all departments 18				310, 2	18	323,943 310,218
Library issue	655 311	Smalles	st week ursday, issue	day iss June 2	3, 1892	. 223
Total I,	539				Total	589
D 1' '	163	Smalles 12, Library Reading	1892.			46
Average Sunday issue— Library issue 12	1.9	Total S Library Reading	issue.			6,342 10,036
Average daily issue— Home issue 33 Library issue 21	2. I 7. 7	Average Home is Library Reading	ssue rissue.	day issi		388.1 233 6 589.7
Total 110	00.5			Т	otal	1211.4

It was to be expected that the use of the Library on holidays would increase as the custom of keeping open every day in the year became more generally known. The figures for this year and the gain over last year are given in the following table.

HOLIDAY ISSUE.

	Home.	Library.	Reading- room.	Total. 1891–1892.	Total 1890-1891.
July Fourth	27 · 46 · 16 · 27 · 327	92 217 123 215 376	57 283 117 246 486	176 546 256 488 1,189	132 340 222 345 1,091
Total	443	1,023	1,189	2,655	2.130

Issue at Branch Library 4,409, a loss of 130 as compared with last year, and of 913 or 17 per cent over the last two years.

The Library was open every day in the year. 1,148 notices were mailed to members from the issue department; 610 for books overdue; 178 for memberships expired; 99 informing members of books reserved, and 261 calling attention to new books supposed to be of special interest to persons addressed.

CHARACTER OF THE READING.

A comparison of the classified issue with that of last year shows very little change in the character of the reading; and I have nothing to add to the detailed comments I have made heretofore pointing out the gradual elevation of standard from year to year.

PERIODICALS.

The general character of the periodical reading is indicated by the following table giving the issue of the most popular periodicals. It is noteworthy that the first ten preserve the same order as in last year's report, though with larger figures. Scribner and Ueber Land und Meer move up one place and Leslie's Popular Monthly falls two places. The next two titles appear in the same rank; while Von Fels zum Meer gains three places and the Electrical World one.

Harper's Weekly5877 Puck5591	Ueber Land und Meer2771 Leslie's Popular Mo2696
Leslie's Illus. News4680	Youth's Companion
Judge4566	North American Review1438
London News4403	Von Fels zum Meer1191
Scientific Amer. & Sup4074	St. Nicholas1150
Harper's Monthly4060	Forum1056
Century3893	Electrical World 936
Life3229	Popular Science Mo 865
Golden Days 2943	Engineering & Mining Jour 667
Scribner's	Revue des deux Mondes 573

An attempt at a rough classification of periodicals issued is presented in the following table:—

READING-ROOM ISSUE CLASSIFIED.

	Issue of periodicals.	Per cent.
Philosophy	. 63	.05
Theology		:75
Social and political sciences	37,686	30.80
Natural sciences & useful arts	19,088	15.60
Art and poetry	631	.51
Juvenile	7,510	6.14
Literary miscellany		16.84
Geography and history		. 56
Miscellaneous		28.75
	122,373	100.00

THE LIBRARY AND THE INTELLECTUAL LIFE OF ST. LOUIS.

For several years past I have devoted considerable space to setting forth the relations of the Library to the intellectual life of the city. The removal of the Library in the middle of the busy season interfered somewhat with its service to students; but every effort has been made to assist members of the various clubs and classes that have, as heretofore, sought to avail themselves of its resources The Wednesday Club reached a new stage of development this season in the formation of sections. The Social Science Club, under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Holland, held a series of largely attended and most interesting meetings. I give below the programs of these two clubs as the largest and most active organizations of the kind.

PROGRAM OF THE WEDNESDAY CLUB, OCTOBER 19, 1892—MAY 3, 1893.

Women in Relation to School Legislation,

The Presidential Election,

The Holy Roman Empire-the Mediaeval Conception of Church and State,

The Divina Commedia—its Philosophy and Symbolism,

Giotto and Dante-or the Painter-poet and the Poet-painter,

Evolution of Economics.

General Discussion of Club Work,

An Italian Commonwealth in the Middle Ages—a Picture of Florence in the 12th, 13th, and 14th centuries,

Dante's Place and Influence in Literature,

The Development of Italian Music,

Physical Culture,

Domestic Sanitation and Chemistry of Cooking,

Preventive Philanthropy,

Current Topics,

Social Problems and Their Solution, from the Standpoint of Education.

PROGRAM OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCE CLUB.

The Function of the State,

Productive Co-operation and Profit Sharing,

What Produces Wealth?,

The Social Significance of the Discovery of America,

Railroads and Telegraphs,

National Bank System,

Trusts and Monopolies,

Trades Unions.

Immigration Laws,

Municipal Government,

Women Suffrage,

Marriage and Divorce Laws,

Educational Reforms.

The Child Waif and Society's Duty to Him,

Philanthropy as a Remedy,

National Morality.

DEATHS AND RESIGNATIONS.

One of the founders of the Library and its constant friend passed away on March 2d, 1893. Mr. Jas. Richardson was one of Mr. Divoll's most active coadjutors in the establishment of the Public School Library: for many years he was its

President; and for ten years past he has aided with tongue and pen the movement to make it free. It seems fitting that something more than a mere mention of his death should be contained in the published records of an institution that he did so much to foster; and I therefore submit in an appendix the resolutions passed by the Board at a special meeting called for the purpose.

Another of the incorporators of the Library, and one of the most active and useful members of the Board of Managers for nearly twenty years, died this winter. Amid all the public work in which he engaged there was no institution (except, of course, the High School) to which Dr. Horace H. Morgan gave so freely of his time and ability as the Public Library; and his name will always be associated with it.

The gains of the year are further offset by the withdrawal of two members of the Board who rendered exceptionally able and faithful service for a number of years. Rev. J. C. Learned, who had been on the Board for eight years and its President for more than half that period, felt compelled by the pressure of other work to decline a re-election; and Doctor Jas. K. Hosmer found recognition of his distinguished labors in the field of letters and his voluntary service to the library cause in an appointment to the position of the Librarian of the Minneapolis Public Library, one of the best equipped and most flourishing libraries in the country. Appropriate resolutions were passed and will be found in an appendix to this report.

These losses were immediately followed by the resignation of Mr. John F. Davies, who had occupied the position of First Assistant since April, 1883. He left to organize a public library in Butte City, making three assistants called from this library in two years to take charge of important libraries elsewhere. Mr. Davies' loss was, of course, the more to be regretted coming on the eve of preparations for removal. Fortunately Mr. Jos. F. Langton, who entered as a messenger April 1885, and through marked efficiency obtained rapid promotion, was ready to step into Mr. Davies' place

and is now filling it to the satisfaction of all concerned. Special acknowledgment is due him for the ability and energy he displayed in directing the details of the work of removal; and I desire also to record my hearty commendation of the spirit with which the force as a whole, entered upon that hard, dirty, and thoroughly disagreeable task.

Shortly after the opening and before the arrangement of the books was completed three more resignations occurred. Messrs. Johnson, Sturges and Witter, who had rendered good service through periods ranging from one and one-half to six years, were drawn away by the greater pecuniary inducements of business life. It was very unfortunate that these resignations should come all together and at such an important juncture of the affairs of the Library; but the organization was such that no serious disarrangement followed.

PROGRESS-THE NEW BUILDING.

Repeated assurances that the building would be completed by August 1st, led to the belief that it would be ready some time in October. It was not, however, till January 11th that the work of removal could begin. The whole collection of about 80,000 vols. was cleaned, transferred and placed in rough order on the shelves in sixteen days. Public documents and other books least used were moved first, so that for the first week there was scarcely any interference with the regular use of the Library. The books that furnish fifty per cent of the circulation remained entirely available until three days before the completion of the removal; and for some days after persons returning books exchanged them for others brought in the same day. The reading-room was kept open in the old building until it was re-opened in the new, though only newspapers were accessible the last five days.

Friday evening, February 17th, the formal dedication of the new building took place at Entertainment Hall. The exercises consisted of an introduction by President Whitelaw and an address by Edward Everett Hale, D. D., which will be found in an appendix. The next day, Saturday, February 18th, the Library was thrown open to the public.

The Library occupies the whole of the sixth and seventh floors and one room 40'x35' on the second floor, which serves as a Newspaper Reading-room. The seventh floor (the top story of the building) contains Reading-room, Reference room, Art and Teachers' room, Public document and Bound Newspaper room, Cataloguing room and Librarian's office. The greater part of the sixth floor is taken up by the Delivery room and the stacks containing the circulating portion of the collection. Here also are the Medical and the Technological Departments, toilet rooms and janitor's room. All the rooms are well lighted and ventilated. The special features referred to in the last annual report; viz.: the Reference room, Teachers' room and New Book space, realize the expectations formed of them; and the whole plan of the Library has received the heartiest approval of visitors, particularly those who know something of library economy and management. Thanks are due from the community to its representatives in the School Board for their wise liberality in providing these commodious quarters in a building as fire proof as the latest devices can make it. With its rooms handsomely furnished, the Library is a credit to the city; and I venture to predict that there will be in after years few things that will give to the members of the present School Board greater satisfaction than their part in providing and furnishing a safe and suitable home for the Public Library. I desire to acknowledge with hearty thanks the courtesy and confidence shown by the Building Committee in leaving the planning and furnishing of the Library entirely to me, and also to express my appreciation of the readiness of the Architect, Mr. Isaac S. Taylor, to carry out my ideas, and the care and taste and professional skill that he brought to his work.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

For twenty years the Library has had an agreement with the St. Louis Medical Society by which all of its members become Life-Members of the Library and all the money thus received is kept as a special fund for the purchase of books and periodicals recommended by the Society. This year the same arrangement has been effected with the Medico-Chirurgical, City Hospital, Verein Deutscher Aerzte, Deutsche Medicinische Gesellschaft, Homœopathic and Microscopical Societies, thus embracing nearly the whole of the St. Louis profession. A room has been set apart for the medical collection. Here physicians may find quiet combined with freedom of access to medical books and periodicals. More than \$1,000 is now in the medical fund; and there is every reason to believe that in the course of a few years the Library will have a medical department that will be of great value, that will bring to the alleviation of suffering and the saving of life here in St. Louis, the results of the laborious researches and painstaking experiments of physicians in all parts of the world.

THE FREE LIBRARY

I am thankful that there is no longer any occasion for argument in favor of making the Library free. The people of St. Louis have spoken and by a vote of 36,000 to 6,000 have declared that they are willing to maintain and determined to have a free library. The Board has been appointed by the Mayor, and the tax levy ordered by the Municipal Assembly. The School Board has declared its readiness to turn over this library to the new Board of Trustees as the foundation of a great Free Public Library; and in a year from now, if not sooner, the fruition of many years' hopes and endeavors will be reached. That the record may be preserved in a convenient and accessible shape, I give in an appendix a brief account of the free library movement from its inception to its happy outcome at the late election.

In closing I venture to bespeak from the public the thanks that are due to the members of your honorable body and the School Board, past and present, for their unpaid services in fostering and building up this fine library and to the members of the Committee of Citizens for their zealous work in bringing the Free Library movement to a successful issue.

Respectfully submitted, FRED'K M. CRUNDEN,

May 19, 1893.

Librarian.

APPENDIX NO. I.

EXCHANGES AND DONATIONS FROM JULY 1, 1891 to JUNE 30, 1892.

1019 volumes and 1904 pamphlets were received as exchanges and donations from 503 sources as follows:

	Vols. 1	Pam.	,	ols. I	Pam.
Ala. Geol. Surv	2		Blair, G	7	1
Albany B'd of Pub. Schs		1	Bond, S. C	1	
Alexander, C. H	50		Boston, Pub. Lib'y		2
Alexander, Master George	1		Boston, School Comm		32
Allen, Jas. T., Washington,			Boston, Athenaeum		10
D. C		2	Boston, Channing Home		1
Allport. Pa., New Jerusalem,			Boston, Civil Service Record		20
The		2	Boston, Commercial Bulletin		1
Am. Assn. for Adv. of Sci	1		Boston, Education		1
Amherst College		1	Boston, Home for Aged Men		1
Andover, Mass., Theol. Sem.		1	Boston, Ladies' Comm'n on		
Appleton, D. & Co., N. Y. City		3	S. S. B'ks		1
Armstrong, Col. D. H	17		Boston, Mass. Charitable Eye		
Assn. of Engineering Soc		7	and Ear Infirmary		1
Atlanta, Ga., B'd of Educ		1	Boston, New Nation	ĺ	15
Augusta, Me., Comfort		2	Boston, Our Country		2
Baer, Jos., & Co., Frankfurt-			Boston, Profitable Advertis-		
a-M		1	ing	'	1
Baltimore, Comm'rs Pub.			Boston, United Pub. Co		9
Schools			Boston, Wk'ly Bulletin of		
Baltimore, Enoch Pratt Free			Newspaper & Periodical		
Lib'y		2	Lit		2
Baltimore, Peabody Inst		1	Boston, Woman's Journal	1	
Baltimore, Tablet, The		2	Bowdoin College, Lib'y,		
Bangor, Me., Pub. Lib'y		1	Brunswick, Me		
Barnes, C. B	3		Bowes, Jas. L., Consul for		
Barrett, B. F., Philadelphia.		2	Japan at Liverpool	1	
Barton, E. M., Worcester,			Bradlee, Rev. C. D., Boston.		11
Mass		1	Bremer, Dr. L		2
Berlin, Director des Statis-			Brentano, N. Y. City		9
tischen Amts der Stadt.		1	Breslau, Handelskammer zu		1
Berlin, Magistrats zu Berlin			Bridgeport, Conn., Pub. Lib'y		2
Berry, J.M., Worcester, Mass.		1	Bridgeport, Conn., Am.		
Bickley, E. H		1	Queen, The		1
Birmingham, Eng., Sch'l B'd		1	Brigham, W. T., Baltimore.	1	
Birmingham, Eng., Free Li-			Brighton, Eng., Pub. Lib'y	• • • •	1
braries Comm		1	Broadhead, Chas		1

7	ols. I)am		Vols.	Pam
Brogi, G., Florence. Italy		1	Chicago, Newbery Lib'y		1
Brooklyn, B'd of Educ		2	Chicago, Office Men's Record		1
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Spinning, John H.
Vaughn, Dr. J. W.
Whitaker, Joseph
Wait, Dr. Walter J.

APPENDIX NO. III.

RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF EX-PRESIDENT RICHARDSON.

"Resolved, That by the death of James Richardson, one of the founders and for many years President of the St. Louis Public Library, the city has lost a valuable citizen and the cause of popular education an able champion and a constant friend.

"That we, his junior colleagues and co-workers, desire to express our appreciation of the wisdom, energy and eloquence that Mr. Richardson brought to the service of the Library, and our sense of personal loss at his demise.

"That Mr. Richardson's portrait in the Library be draped for thirty days and that these resolutions be spread upon the records of the Board and a copy sent to the bereaved family."

RESOLUTIONS ON THE WITHDRAWAL OF EX-PRESIDENT LEARNED.

"WHEREAS, The eight years' service of Rev. John C. Learned as member, more than half that time as President, of this Board has been of such exceptional value as to call for special recognition: therefore

"Be it Resolved: That we sincerely regret that other demands upon Mr. Learned's time have deprived the Board of

his leadership.

"That the discharge of his duties as member and President of the Board has been marked by the same earnestness, faithfulness, self-sacrifice and, withal, personal modesty that have characterized his conduct in all the relations of life and have gained for him the admiration and affection of the whole community.

"That while all committees and members of the Board are indebted to his constant helpfulness and unfailing courtesy, the Book Committee is under special obligations to his varied

learning and extensive knowledge of literature.

"That every department of the Library shows the impress of his wisdom and conscientiousness, and that, as a result of his eight years' labor, the institution has grown greatly in usefulness, and stands to-day higher than ever before in the esteem and confidence of the community."

RESOLUTIONS ON THE RESIGNATION OF DR. JAMES K. HOSMER.

"Resolved: That this Board shares in the regret felt by the community in general over the departure of Dr. James Kendall Hosmer from St. Louis.

"That this Library has greatly profited by his scholarship and his faithful attention to the duties of his position as Chairman of the Book Committee.

"That we trust the city of Minneapolis will appreciate the gain which has been to St. Louis so great a loss, and that we congratulate the Minneapolis Public Library on securing a Librarian whose name will reflect credit on the institution and whose learning, urbanity and broad sympathies will insure its growth on right lines and fulfillment of its highest purposes."

APPENDIX NO. IV.

HISTORY OF THE FREE LIBRARY MOVEMENT.

As early as November, 1882, in his report as President, Mr. James Richardson urged that the Library be made free, arguing that a "Great Free Public Library School" was necessary to the completeness of our system of public education.

The project was talked over in the Executive Committee of the Board of Managers; and at the regular meeting of the Board, December 9th, Hon. B. R. Bonner presented the following preamble and resolutions:

"Whereas, The benefits of the Public School Library are limited chiefly to persons who pay for memberships therein, and

Whereas, Its wholesome influence should be extended to every household in the city, therefore,

Resolved: First, That the St. Louis Public School Library ought to be absolutely free and accessible to all the people, subject only to such restrictions and rules as will best subserve the public and preserve the Library from abuse.

Second, That the President appoint a special committee of five to confer with a like committee of the School Board, whose duty it shall be to recommend such measures as in their judgment will accomplish the objects herein contemplated.

Third, That a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions be presented to the School Board for its consideration, with the request for the appointment on its part of the committee of five, referred to in the second of these resolutions."

Mr. Bonner supported the resolutions by a forcible argument; and they were unanimously adopted at a special meeting of the Board held Tuesday, December 9th. Mr. Dwight Durkee united with Mr. Bonner in paying the expense of

the printing and distribution of 500 copies of the resolutions and the speech. Press and pulpit supported the proposal; the committee from the Library Board was appointed; and in the School Board the matter was referred to the legislative committee to draft a bill providing a tax for the support of a free library. Instead, however, of framing a bill designed exclusively to provide for a free library and calling for a tax of $\frac{3}{10}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ a mill for that purpose alone, the committee made the tax one mill to be added to the revenue of the School Board and to include other objects such as buildings and night schools. Though supposed to be an aid these proved a disadvantage; and the bill was defeated.

Fourteen pages of the scrap book purchased in the outset of the agitation and labeled "Free Library" were filled with newspaper clippings relating to the effort. It lay unused for some time in the hope that its original destiny might be fulfilled; then it was taken for the current record of miscellaneous notices regarding the Library. This scrap book and three-fourths of another were filled before there was again any decided action taken. Meanwhile the annual reports of the Librarian and successive Presidents of the Library contained each year appeals and arguments for a free library, which from time to time called forth from nearly all the papers editorials advocating the idea.

November 8, 1884, the Librarian read a paper on "The Function of a Public Library and its Value to a Community" before "The Round Table." This was published in the Post-Dispatch and printed by the Club in pamphlet form for distribution. He also drafted a bill authorizing cities, towns, villages, etc., throughout the State to tax themselves for the establishment and maintenance of free libraries. Hon. Jas. M. Loring, a member of the legislature, took charge of the bill and secured its passage. It was approved April 10, 1885. Hannibal was the first city to take advantage of it in 1889. St. Joseph followed in 1890.

May 12th, 1891, Messrs. Walter F. McEntire and Jack P. Richardson introduced in the School Board resolutions call-

ing upon the Board to increase the Library appropriation sufficiently to make the Library free until its support could be secured for under the State law, and petitioning the city authorities to submit the question at the coming election. The resolutions were referred to the joint Ways and Means and Library Committee in conjunction with the Attorney; but no report on them was made to the Board.

In each successive report as President of the Library, Rev. J. C. Learned urged the advantages of a free library; and on the occasion of the laying of the corner-stone he made another earnest plea for "free reading to all the people in all the homes of St. Louis."

On February 9th, 1892, Mr. Gist Blair, then Vice-President and now President of the Board of Public Schools, introduced a series of resolutions calling upon the city government to assist the Board in making the Library free. At the following meeting, March 8th, Mr. W. H. McClain, then Chairman of the Library Committee and now Vice-President of the Board, introduced amended resolutions as a substitute for Mr. Blair's. These were accepted by Mr. Blair and adopted; but as the co-operation of the city government could not be obtained and as the School Board could not undertake the whole expense, the plan was necessarily abandoned.

The matter was then taken up in the Board of Managers. At a meeting of the Executive Committee, February 2nd, 1892, the subject was discussed and was finally referred to Mr. Blair, who was present by special request, to obtain an opinion from School Board Attorney Stark as to the availability of the state library law. At a meeting of the Committee, Friday, June 10th, an opinion from Attorney General Wood, written at the request of Gov. Francis, and also an opinion from Attorney Stark, received through Mr. Blair, were read. These were in answer to one question only and did not cover all the points at issue. After a long discussion it was decided to request advice from Mr. F. N. Judson, an ex-President of the School Board, as to the best plan of procedure to make the Library free under the statute of 1885.

At the October meeting of the Board, Mr. Judson sent in

an elaborate opinion covering all the points in the case and making it clear that the statute was readily available and that there would be no legal difficulty in the the way of a transfer of the Library to a Board of Trustees appointed under that law. No immediate action was taken; but much was gained in the assurance that there were no legal obstructions to block the course determined upon.

The subject was not dropped in the School Board. That body was, indeed, becoming more and more convinced that it could not supply the revenue necessary to support the Library properly, even on its present basis, to say nothing of making it free. Accordingly at the January meeting of the Board, Mr. Wm. E. Fisse introduced resolutions requiring the Board to take immediate steps to submit the free library question to a vote of the people.

The active campaign that led to the success of April 4th was begun January 21st, 1893. A meeting was held pursuant to the following call sent out by direction of the Executive Committee of the Board of Managers.

"A conference of gentlemen, known to be interested in the establishment of a Free Public Library for St. Louis, will be held in the Librarian's office of this Library, Saturday afternoon, January 21st, at 4 o'clock.

As you are one of a very small number who are expected at the outset to determine what course it is best to pursue in accomplishing the desired object, it is hoped that you will not allow any ordinary inconvenience to prevent your attendance."

Truly yours,

F. M. CRUNDEN,

Librarian.

The following gentlemen were present:

Hon. Richard Bartholdt, Hon. B. R. Bonner, Hon. Chas. Nagel, Rev. J. C. Learned, Col. T. A. Meysenburg, Dr. Henry Hickman, and Messrs. Geo. O. Carpenter, Jr., F. M. Crunden, W. E. Fisse, E. C. Rowse, E. S. Rowse, and O. L. Whitelaw.

Mr. Whitelaw was elected Chairman and Mr. Crunden Secretary.

After considerable discussion the conference adjourned to meet with enlarged numbers the following Saturday, January 28th. At this meeting were present:

Rev. R. A. Holland, Rev. J. C. Learned, Hon. Chas. Claffin Allen, Hon. Richard Bartholdt, Hon. G. A. Finkelnburg, Chancellor W. S. Chaplin, Col. T. A. Meysenburg, Major J. B. Merwin, Dr. Henry Hickman, and Messrs. D. C. Ball, Gist Blair, J. A. Caldwell, Wm. P. Evans, W. E. Fisse, F. N. Judson, M. J. Lippman, Edwin D. Luckey, Walter F. McEntire, John W. O'Connell, H. W. Prentis, Jack P. Richardson, James Richardson, E. C. Rowse, O. L. Whitelaw, and Mrs. Sarah E. Dillon.

Regrets were received from Messrs. C. H. Sampson and Thaddeus S. Smith, and a letter from Prof. Waterhouse expressing his hearty sympathy with the object of the meeting.

A long discussion, marked by perfect unanimity of sentiment regarding the object in view, was closed by the appointment of the following Executive Committee to devise and carry out the resolve of the meeting to secure a free library under the statute of 1885.

O. L. Whitelaw, Gist Blair, W. E. Fisse, Chas. Claffin Allen, J. C. Learned, T. A. Meysenburg, Geo. O. Carpenter, Jr.

The Committee added F. M. Crunden to their number and appointed Messrs. Whitelaw, Learned and Crunden a subcommittee to prepare a plan of procedure.

At Mr. Judson's request the committee asked Mr. G. A. Finkelnburg for an interpretation of the statute, particularly on the question whether the fifth-mill tax should be a special and extra tax or should be included in the general municipal levy. Mr. Finkelnburg coincided entirely with Mr. Judson's opinion.

The plan of campaign recommended by the sub-committee and carried out by the Executive Committee consisted—

1st. In obtaining numerous signatures—many more than

the number required by law—to a petition (drawn by Mr. Judson) asking the city authorities to submit the question of a fifth-mill tax for a free library at the election in April.

2nd. In distributing of upward 2,000 copies of an address by Librarian Crunden before the St. Louis Commercial Club, which the club had printed in pamphlet form, as its contribution to the cause.

3rd. In publishing two addresses to the public explaining the subject and urging citizens to vote for the tax. The first appeared in all the city papers on Sunday, March 19th. It was comparatively long, containing statistics and arguments. The second was a brief exhortation to vote for the free library and was published two days before the election. This was also printed in the form of handbills.

4th. The distribution of 100,000 (increased to 115,000) handbills through the schools, public and private, and through the central business section of the city and through various labor organizations.

5th. The appointment of a Press Committee to keep the daily papers interested and supplied with material for news items and editorials.

A very important addition to this programme was the suggestion of Mr. W. H. McClain, (who attended a meeting of the Executive Committee by special invitation) to station public school boys at the polls to hand to voters "dodgers" urging them to vote for a free library.

Every feature of this programme was well carried out; and other agencies were called in as auxiliaries. Mr. Chas. Claffin Allen, Chancellor of St. Louis Council, L. H., arranged an open meeting for a presentation of the subject with Messrs. F. N. Judson, Walter F. McEntire and Frederick M. Crunden as speakers. Meetings of other organizations were addressed by Mr. Crunden.

At the conventions of both the leading political parties the passage of resolutions was secured endorsing the free library project. The social labor party, of course, advocated it; and effort was made to obtain the support of every organized

influence. There was no organized or outspoken opposition; and when the returns of the election were made known it appeared that 36,235 votes had been cast "For a one-fifth mill tax for a free public library" to 6,188 against it. A considerable number of votes that were plainly intended for the proposition were thrown out on technicalities; and over 20,000 ballots were deposited unscratched and were therefore not counted for either side. In a great majority of cases this was doubtless the result of forgetfulness or the confusion caused by the huge blank ballot with its five tickets. The majority, as Mercutio says, was enough.

The city is under obligations to all who aided in bringing this undertaking to a successful issue. The Executive Committee desires to seize every opportunity to acknowledge its indebtedness to Messrs. Judson and Finkelnburg for the time and talent they have so freely given to this public work. Attorney Stark of the School Board has also rendered valuable assistance in settling legal questions that have arisen.

APPENDIX. NO. V.

OPENING EXERCISES.

The following invitation, ornamented by a cut of the building, was sent to life-members of the Library whose addresses were known and to other citizens supposed to be interested:

1665



1893

BOARD OF EDUCATION AND PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDING, NINTH AND LOCUST STREETS.

The Board of Managers
cordially invites you and your friends
to attend the formal opening of the mew building of the

St. Louis Public Library!

The exercises will be held in

Entertainment Hall

Exposition Building!

Friday evening, Feby 1 Mybeginning at

eight oclock.

Prev. Edward Everett Hale, D.D.

will deliver the dedicatory address.

The inside page was engraved as follows:-

Chronology!

Churter of Gublio School Sibrary obtained by Hon. Stephen D. Barlow, Feby 1865.

Sibrary opened on S. W. corner of 5th Olive Sts Dec. 9th/865

Turned over to the Board of Public Schools and removed to Polytechnic Budding, April 1869

Reading room and Reference department made free June, 1874.

Name, changed by dropping "School", Dec. 9th/1884.

Corner Stone of new building laid Oct. 2nd/892.

New budding dedicated Feby 17th/893.

Made, entirely Tree:______?

When the voters of St. Louis decide that it shall be.

Bourd of Managers:

Gist Blair, President. \ BOARD OF W.H. McCluin Vice Pres. MissF.M.B.qcon. W.J. Wait. Geo. O. Carpenter, Jr. appointed Rich'd Burtholdt. Elected Miss J. R.Lippmare Alex Cudmore bythe by the T.A. Meysenbury. life members. School Bourd F.W. Brockman. Probit Moore J.W. O'Connell E. C. Rowse! C.W. Heguembourg. O.L. Whitelaw. J. H. Spinning.

OL Whitelaw, Tresident. W.H. McCluin, Vice-Tres. Frederick M.Crunden, Secretury.

In response to this invitation a large audience assembled. On the stage were seated members of the School and Library Boards past and present; while boxes and reserved seats were occupied by their families.

The exercises began with a brief address by President Whitelaw, which was as follows:

PRESIDENT WHITELAW'S ADDRESS.

The three dates or possibly four which may be considered as epochs in the history of the Public Library are 1865, 1869, 1877 and 1893.

First, the founding of the Library in 1865 by Superintendent Divoll assisted by such men as Hon. A. D. Barlow, James Richardson, Carlos S. Greeley, Rev. W. G. Eliot, Dwight Durkee, Enos Clarke and others. Some of that small company of far seeing and public spirited men who felt the necessity of inaugurating this most worthy enterprise are with us to-night.

The Library opened in rooms on the southeast corner of 5th and Olive streets, with 1,500 volumes. In April, 1869, it was transferred to the Polytechnic Building where it remained until last month. That year, with the addition of 5,000 volumes of the O'Fallon Polytechnic Institute, it had increased to 17,000 volumes. At this time the St. Louis Board of Public Schools assumed the support of the Library, working in connection with the life members, and supplimenting receipts from all sources with annual appropriations of money in addition to furnishing rooms with light and heat.

Through all these years, with frequent changes in its make-up, the School Board has been loyal to the Library, and from its revenue has set aside each year all that could be spared from an income all too narrow for the actual necessities of our growing city. How well the School Board has fulfilled this trust will be apparent to you when you visit the beautiful and convenient quarters on Ninth and Locust.

Another period fraught with great importance to the Library and marking another epoch in its history, was January 17, 1877. This was the date when our present Librarian undertook its management. A native of our city, a graduate of Washington University, fresh from a scholastic career with

special mental endowments admirably fitting him for the position, and with a rare executive ability not common among students, he has rapidly risen in his profession until he stands in the very front rank. Early in its history, he became a member of the American Library Association which has done so much to advance the interests and scope of library work in this country and Great Britain. Having held the highest offices in its gift, no name is better known in library circles from Maine to California than Frederick M. Crunden. The Library when he took charge of it numbered about 30,000 volumes and to-day we moved to the new location over 90,000. No one, not familiar with the meagre amount at his disposal annually, can realize what this means in rigid economy and careful management on his part.

To-night we celebrate the removal of this valuable collection of books to rooms beautiful and convenient in the extreme, furnished with every device known to modern library science for comfort and convenience and yet we are not happy. We want to open the doors and say to every man, woman and child in St. Louis, this is yours and for you. You are welcome to come into this treasure house under certain restrictions and help yourselves—but we cannot do this, we have not the necessary funds; we must still collect an annual fee from all, and St. Louis, the metropolis of the Mississippi Valley, must still bear the disgrace of being the only city in this great country of any importance that does not possess one or more free public libraries.

Shall this continue? Let us earnestly hope not. A way is open to escape this stigma. The Legislature of Missouri in 1885 passed a law enabling cities of a certain class to tax themselves $\frac{1}{5}$ of a mill on the dollar for library purposes if a majority of the legal voters at any regular election so wish. It is proposed at the April election to put this matter before the citizens and ask them to decide it in no uncertain way.

Will not each one here present use his influence to accomplish this and thus open the people's university free to all, and remove from our city this blot on her fair name. It is no

increase in taxation, the limit allowed by law has already been reached. But if it is your wish, expressed by your votes, the city authorities must set aside the small sum asked for from the present revenue.

But I have spoken too long and must not delay the feast awaiting you. The distinguished gentleman whom I now have the honor of introducing has taken a long journey, at much personal sacrifice, to be with us on this occasion and it gives me great pleasure to present to you the well known author, divine and philanthropist, Rev. Edward Everett Hale of Massachusetts.

DR. HALE'S ADDRESS.

Mr. President and Gentlemen: I congratulate this company on the auspicious promises of this occasion. I congratulate the city of St. Louis, its present inhabitants and its future inhabitants, on the birthday, if I may call it so, of the institution which will do most for their happiness and intelligence.

I choose these words carefully, for I would like to be remembered as a prophet, when I say that the institution of a large free public library may be, and ought to be, the most important event in the education of the community which endows it.

It is impossible, for the people of any community which has not fully tried it, to foresee the joy to individuals which they are making possible. No man can foresee the happiness of homes which is thus made possible. No man can foresee the elevation and advance of social life and public order. No man can foretell the special occasions in which some new Watt is to be trained to build some new steam-engine, in which some new Edison is to be trained for new discoveries in science, in which some new Walter Scott is to be educated for the happiness of millions upon millions. Victories, which cannot be written before they are achieved, are all in the germ when we plant the acorn. Or, if you call it a mustard-seed, no man shall say what birds shall take shelter, what travelers shall rest, under the shade of that tree of which you plant the

germ to-day. Far less shall any man say what conquests shall be achieved by the travelers who from this rest and this shade go forward upon new duty.

I speak, in some sort, as an expert. I have seen the public library of my own home begin with a little collection of public documents in a snuffy little room in the City Hall. I have seen it grow till it takes possession of the most costly building in New England. From a thousand books, I think, the gift of a retiring mayor, it has increased till it is now one of the largest libraries in the world. But it is not because I have seen this growth that I am saying what I say. It is because I may see any day a cabman, on his stand, reading one of its brown paper-covered volumes. It is because I have seen the thoughtful mechanic come out from one of its private rooms where he had been at work, in his leisure hours, on the most careful and recondite problems of the mathematics, perhaps extending their discoveries. It is because I have seen the first artists of America meet there to study what elsewhere they could not find, the steps in some line of composition or invention. It is because I know that the rank and file of the city of Boston would more readily rise in rebellion against any city government which neglected to provide for their library than if they had been wounded at any other point of their social life. After thirty years' experience, this has come to be the law and understanding:-you may retrench on the right hand and on the left, you may cut down the salary of the mayor, you may leave the streets narrow, you may have a bad fire department, you may go to the dogs in any other direction;—but beware how you put a finger on the appropriation for the public library! The people of that city, even those who you would say were of the most ignorant and thoughtless grade, have tasted the blood of life; and having tasted it once, they will not forego their feast. They know what it is to have the best books in the world at their command. They and their wives and their children know what this is. Having once feasted at that board, they mean that the steward and the cook shall purvey for them as well tomorrow as they did yesterday.

As I go forward, it is my hope and effort to illustrate my prophesies by one or two simple details which will at least throw what the artists call "broken lights" upon my picture; and I will try to make you believe that I am not speaking extravagantly. In the presence of the distinguished Librarian of this society,—a gentleman whose name is known all over the English speaking world,—among the leaders in his business for the tact and skill which he has brought to administration,—I shall certainly speak modestly. I claimed to be an expert, but still speak as an outsider speaks, and not as one personally concerned in the administration of these great institutions. I beg to be understood as speaking as a child of the public, who has fared with other children of the public. when we come to the festival of which I have spoken. ticket is as good as theirs, and no better. In what I am to say, I am glad to be understood as pleading for all sorts and conditions of men. I shall beg you, as I go on, to remember where the leaders of men so often come from. I do not remember that you found Jenny Lind in the court circles of Sweden. I know you found Ben Franklin in a tallow-chandler's shop. I think Abraham Lincoln had never been sent to a gilt-edged academy, and never graduated at a college of a thousand generations. I am speaking in a nation where every soldier carries a marshal's baton in his knapsack, and it is so speaking that I am taking it for granted that this city of St. Louis, which has so well forecast the future in a hundred enterprises, highly resolves to-night that in the future in this business of books, the ration of the private who is tramping on foot with his musket on his shoulder, shall be the same ration which the Secretary of War is to digest to-night, or the commander-in-chief of the great army. It is two hundred and fifty years since the real people of this country highly resolved that every child born into it should be taught to read and write, and should share at the common charge in the effort for education, which other countries had made only for their priests and their rulers. It is two centuries and a half since such people as there were in this country highly resolved that for them and with us and with our children, church and state

should be ruled by the people of America. When they resolved this they meant that all America should be what we now call a school for the training of soldiers; that all America should be as a divinity school for the training of priests, so that every man might be his own priest, and hold his own personal relation to God; that all America should be a school for the education of sons and daughters of the King, so that the meanest brat born in the meanest hovel might be able to read the Word of Life, or the law of life, as well as the child shaded under purple curtains in the palace of an emperor. True when the fathers made this high decision, they did not anticipate to-day. There had not been so many words printed in the world, when the United States was founded as were printed in America yesterday, either in the form of journals or of separate volumes. The fathers who founded universal education, therefore, did not in the same statutes establish universal public libraries. But, if they could have forecast the future, of type and stereotype and power presses, the future of to-day, they would have founded public libraries for everybody. And we, who are in that future,—we who know what a book is, and how many books there are,—we have no idea of limiting any son of God or daughter of God to the five, ten, or fifty books which he can bring together in his own home. We have learned the great lesson that books are the universal property of the world, and that the light which is lighted is to be put upon a candlestick; it is not to be shut up under any bushel.

We, who are not ashamed of the name of Nationalists, do not expect the great victories of co-operation in life to be wrought in one hour, in one year, or in one century. We observe, however, that they have been won, already—in a steady evolution. We see with gratitude that this nation has from the beginning been ready to strengthen the hands of its government whenever and wherever the government acted for each and for all in the establishment of popular education. Thus the fathers determined that one child should have the same chance as another child. Gradually, in the establish-

ment of their armies, they determined that every man must bear a gun, and that not the one military class, but the whole nation, must serve the state. It followed, when they came to questions of suffrage, that they gave the suffrage to every man who had carried the firelock and had risked his life for his country. So when, in any city, one wanted to fulfill the Savior's demand, and give the cup of cold water to the brother who was in need, the people of the American cities, as by instinct, saw that this water must be cold water, that it must be pure water, that it must be God's water, not defiled by human filth or iniquity. And,—without asking under what power they did this,—the great cities, as by one step, marched forward, so that the beggar might wash in water as pure as that which flowed for the baths of a palace. American law is that, if the necessity is a necessity for each child of God, and is the same for each child of God, to each child of God it shall be given, at the public charge.

That child may be blind; still the state will see that he is taught to read. He may be deaf; still the state devises the method by which he shall be taught to hear. Poor thing, he may be deaf and dumb and blind; still the state folds him in her arms, soothes him on her bosom, and you find that by some magic or miracle she has taught him how to speak, how to remember, how to think, and how to live. In such determination that the meanest and the worst shall be nursed and cherished as the noblest and the best, the state does not know the meaning of the word "extravagance."

Now, even in what I have said, you have observed, you could not but observe that the very words which we use, are all tangled in with our thoughts of what a free public library can do, and what this library is going to do, for the people, who will use it. Thus when we speak of "light" to-day, why, we hardly know whether we speak of the light which comes from one of Mr. Edison's incandescent burners, or whether we speak of the light which comes to a man as he reads from his New Testament, as he commits one of Tennyson's poems to memory, or as he follows along on the words of stimulus and

suggestion which George Eliot has written down for him, or William Thackeray, or any other mistress of life or master. It is all light, and it shines for all. It is interesting, indeed, to see how, in the common talk and common thought of people, they have even come round to feel that the use of these intellectual facilities presupposes moral excellence and spiritual refinement. We carry it farther than we ought to carry it. When we say of one of our neighbor's boys that he is a nuisance to the neighborhood, he is all the time in the street; we say of his brother, "There is a good boy; he always has his book and is sitting by the fireside reading." We really think that reading is virtue. This is because we have found out that in the training of the memory, there comes in the training of the moral sense; and in the long run we find ourselves more willing to trust the Watt, the Franklin, the Edison, the Lincoln, who have spent their time in diligent reading, than those who have not concentrated thought, attention, memory, imagination, or any of the faculties of the mind,—those who have let them go wild, and perhaps result in nothing.

And we are sure that where street Arabs, or dreaming ladies, or men of affairs, are lured into the crypts of our libraries, we are going to have a suffrage more pure, administration more strong, finance more simple. We know that, as fast and as far as we tempt them by our devices to eat wisely and well of the True Tree of Knowledge, they will eat of the fruit of the tree which is the Good Tree. The tree best named, The Tree of Life Eternal!

There are some conditions of life which we take as things of course, we see them always and we are not grateful for them. They do not surprise us. Here am I! I could stand on one of your great bridges and look hour for hour on your great river as it flows by St. Louis. And perhaps there is not a man in this audience who could stand by my side there, without being bored to death.

You are used to your river. To me, the miracle is wholly new. Now, just as you take the flow of your river, so does

the average American, who knows what America is, take the happy, healthful flow of universal education. We take it for granted that a man can read. If he cannot read he may go and perish. "Served him right," is the verdict of the coroner. "Look out for the engine," that is the warning to the traveler in all our wildernesses, or whatever they may be called and whatever the name of the engine. The warning is printed in large letters for him to read it. Vain for him to say, when he picks up the pieces of his carriage, when he collects one or two buckles of the harness, after the catastrophe which is only not fatal,—vain for him to say that the letters above his head were unintelligible to him. "Whose fault is it that he can not read?" "It is no fault of ours," we say, "and he will know better another time."

To learn the value of your river here you need to be on the top of a waterless ranch in Montana, with your dumb sheep or oxen gathering around you, begging you with their plaintive eyes to give them a drop of cold water to cool their tongues. To know the value of universal education, you need to travel in some country, where not one man in ten knows A from Z, or whether the letters Bo spell "cat" or spell "mouse."

In Spain, which is like America, in that it is a country of gentlemen, I have said to a railway porter in his own language, "Chevalier, might I trouble you to take that valise across the street to the hotel," to have the good fellow answer me as courteously, "Chevalier, I will take the valise with the greatest pleasure so soon as the Chevalier yonder who can read will come and read to all fifteen of us the directions on the luggage."

Till we have had some such experience, you and I do not know what it is to wait at a ticket window for a clerk to be called who can go through that mystic process which shall show how much four tickets will cost when all the company knows that forty-three cents is the price of one Our machine of life here runs on so steadily with our system of universal education that we do not stop to think how it would groan and falter if we had failed to oil the wheels.

Shall we, however, set this great engine to running, and then give it nothing to do? Shall we teach every man, woman and child in the nation to read, and then give them nothing but baggage-tags and danger signals for their reading? Is my boy to be initiated into the mystery of numbers, is he to get an idea of those intricate mysteries of algebra and geometry and what grew from them, and then is he to be satisfied with calculating that 4 times 43 is 172? Are we to train dragoons, skirmishers, riflemen and light infantry, and then shut them all up in a fortress and tell them that their duty is to police the parade grounds of the garrison? These are the questions to which America has now come. These are the questions which Mr. Crunden and these gentlemen who have called us here, are asking you to-night. It is not enough that the boys and the girls, the men and the women of the nation should read the placards in the streets, whether they advertise tragedies or comedies, mustard or pepper. It is not enough that they should be satisfied with anything ephemeral, and even the daily newspaper, in its pride, has to acknowledge that it is nothing more. The time has come; nay, it came long ago, when man, woman and child had a right to claim the best for reading. Theirs shall be the gate to all past history, unlocked and thrown open. Theirs shall be the other gate, to yesterday's research and discovery thrown wide open as well-We ought to open to them the path through the garden in which the poets shall sing for them, in which Shakespeare shall portray for them men and women like themselves, in which Dante shall lead them through hell itself to purgatory and to heaven. Has any man found a philosophy which tells him how to live? Let it be theirs! Has any Columbus or Da Gama crossed oceans or deserts? For them has he tried that adventure! Has any son of God spoken words which bring the Father nearer to His children? These are not gifts for any upper ten thousand of the world. These are not like diamonds and rubies to be locked up in caskets or store-chambers for the unhappy people who are imprisoned in palaces. They are the infinite bounty of God for all sorts and conditions of men:—as the rain descends

upon the evil and the good; as the sunshine blazes for the just and for the unjust. That the dew may thus distil in the darkest corner, and on the dryest soil, we establish and maintain our free Public Library.

All that I have said is absolutely common place. For that reason I said it. For I am now to rush in, as fools will, you know, where even angels might fear to tread. I am to say now, what only a stranger can say on an occasion like this, and be excusable. You will please remember then, that I am wholly a stranger to your councils. Since I arrived here, only yesterday, I may say I have taken pains not to enquire about your work in the past, or your plans in the future. But on general principles, I can guess that Mr. Crunden on one hand has some plans of extravagant audacity, and that on the other hand he has some reserves which the public and even his friends cannot account for, and which they say belong to the superstitions of his profession.

On the other hand, I can take it for granted without being told that in the Board of Trustees, there are reserves and delays which the whole press of St. Louis ridicules, and yet that there are some audacious extravagancies lying latent which strike Mr. Crunden aghast, when they are whispered to him. Of all this I know nothing but that where bodies of honorable, intelligent and courageous men are intrusted with a great public enterprise, it must be so. I have repeated my commonplaces, and compelled you to hear them, that here and now, on the birthday of this Library, I may say one thing to everybody. It is the same thing to some errand boy or runner who shall carry a straw's weight of the responsibility of this Library, as to the gentlemen yonder who are going to draw up their wills before they sleep to-night, and leave to this Library the legacy of their fortunes. The great truth is this: Books are made to read.

> I give it to you as a motto to be printed in gold, On the main frieze of your largest hold.

They are not made to be locked up in bookcases. The greatest credit to a library is its ability to report at the end of a year that a large number of its books have been worn out in clear and honest service. The Pharisees thought that man was made for the Sabbath; but the Saviour taught them that the Sabbath was made for men. So there are Pharisees who think that books were made to be kept on shelves, but the truth is that shelves and cases and alcoves and corridors and stacks and catalogues and runners and desk clerks and assistants and librarians and trustees all exist so that books may be put into the hands of readers. The sooner a book is worn out, the better; so that it be carefully handled and honestly used.

I do not say that the book must be taken outside the library walls. That depends: You are doing a good thing for students when you train them as the British Museum trains them, that they must study where the books are. If one hundred men can consult a volume in one day, as in their almost matchless reading room, that book may do a hundred times as much good in a day as if it had been carried home by a student. This is mere matter of detail. But I repeat the words, I care not how often, so I can fix them upon the memory of anybody who is responsible. "Books are made to read! Books are made to read! Books are made to read!

"Of course they are!" says everybody in this audience, and half the audience add the thought which they are too civil to express, "What a fool the man is, to come all the way from Boston to tell us that! Or what fools the trustees were to invite him!" I beg your pardon. I have, in other times, been bullying a Board of Trustees who held that Pharisee doctrine. And one of them said to me, "Why! Mr. Hale, we hold this property in trust; we have receipted for it; we are like bankers whose stockholders have paid them a million dollars in gold for their capital." And was I not delighted when he gave me the simile, I hardly gave him time to finish his sentence. "Where would your bank be?" I cried, "if you had not lent that capital? Where would your stockholders be, if you had tied their sheckels up in napkins;

or like that man in the other parable, if you had buried them under ground?" And then I read him a lesson which I trust in God he has not forgotten, how the soul of man is worth more than gold and silver. By so much should he be more eager that these precious ingots which we have inherited from the mining and minting of all time should be freely sent and invested where their value is best known. When they return from one errand of beneficence, at the instant, if we can, we must send them out upon another. With what pride, indeed! with what heavenly glow of satisfaction, might librarian or custodian hold up before us to-night some tattered and tearmarked volume, the gift to us of prophet or of sage, and say, "this ragged book has comforted ten thousand mourners! I dare not tell you of the tears which it has consecrated. No man can speak to you of the blessings which from that volume have been set flowing over the deserts of the world." It would be sacrilege to compare that glow of satisfaction with the vanity of the collector when he unlocks his safe and with dainty fingers hands to you the morocco and the paper which his particular agent, having carte blanche to draw from, bid in at the Apthorp sale.

Books are made to read! They serve no other use under

Do we indeed prize them as the marvels which they are? You and I go to a long distance telephone, we listen, it may be, to a sweetheart's whisper, it may be a brother's laugh, we catch the very accent. We recognize the tone, its humor or its pathos. Well may we wonder; well may we thank God that we live in this day. She was with me in this little office, space was annihilated! Yes, and what is that marvel to the more familiar marvel! Mr. Crunden gives me this printed volume and I am sitting with Homer on the heights of Chios, and without a sound he whispers to me of the rage of Achilles or the tears of Andromache. Or I lie on the bank of anemones in Sharon, and David tells me how the heavens declare the glory of God and the "rmament showeth his handiwork. Let me enter Mr. Crunden's halls, and for me there is no space, there is no time!

If we highly resolve that for this generation, and the generations which follow, reading of the best books shall be the luxury and blessing of all sorts and conditions of men, the effort, the study, and the prayer which have combined to make this birthday of our Library possible are answered and rewarded. If we know that books are made to read; if we highly resolve, as we love God and hope for heaven, that all men and women shall one day come to read them; why, the future is sure! The details will determine themselves. each new invention of Mr. Crunden, each new victory of your trustees, will bud and blossom in a hundred more. Of these I dare not prophesy. In the legends of that fabled city of Sybaris, it is said that there were no locks on the library doors; they could always be opened; and the reading-room was open from midnight to midnight, from New Year to New Year, from century to century. Mr. Crunden knows, your trustees know, whether such matchless success be possible in St. Louis.

I am sure of this,--because you people here are practical. I am sure no holiday will be too good for men to read in. my own dear city, alas, we open the library for every day in the year when the people are at work, but we shut it in their faces on their few days of leisure. We let them read on Sunday, but not on their days of Independence, Fasting or Thanksgiving. I cannot think you will imitate us. My parting wish for you shall be that from the beginning you shall know that no day is too good a day to read of God's Word or His works; that no festival is so sacred to Independence but men may reap of the triumphs of the fathers; that no holiday of Thanksgiving can be better spent than in praising God for the poets and the prophets. Surely it is not too much to ask of this central city in that nation which is the central nation in the world, which is for our purposes the centre of the universe. So fast as the choicest treasures of that universe are collected here, you will give the fullest opportunity for each man, woman and child to enjoy them and to bless you.

We give our child his name on his birthday. He is not

only called "Library." He has two names,—he is called "Public Library." Not for one is he sent on his road, not for four hundred, not for the upper ten. He is a messenger to the public, to each and to all.

But, as I said, my mission is not one of advice, but of congratulation. When, in 1803, Robert Livingston, in many respects the first statesman, as he was the wisest prophet, of his time, bought for fifteen million dollars all the country between the Rocky Mountains and the Mississippi, he wrote thus to his prudent and careful master Jefferson:

"I know that the price paid is enormous. I have said to them that in a century we should not send ten thousand people across the Mississippi River."

Your fathers,—nay, some of you,—were among the first to disprove that prophecy. Their privilege and yours has been more than most men can boast, to show what America is and is to be. Give her an object lesson, gentlemen and ladies, in the central matter, in the central work of education. Establish here the freest and best Public Library in the world.

APPENDIX NO. VI.

Floor plan of New Library with dimension of rooms. The building covers a lot $127\frac{1}{2}x110\frac{1}{2}$. The dimensions of the Library rooms are as follows:

SEVENTH FLOOR.

Reading room, 64'x59'.
Government Document and Newspaper room, 53'x35'
Reference room, 35'x54'.
Art and Teachers' room, 36'x20'.
Catalogue room, 34'x24'.
Librarian's office, and Board room, 34'x18'.

SIXTH FLOOR.

Delivery room, 54'x34'.

New Book space, 18'x12'.

Medical room, 34'x25'.

Technological room, 34'x20'.

Janitor's room, 13'x12'.

Three toilet rooms, 20'x12'.



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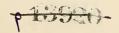
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THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

To the Hon. Board of President and Directors of the St. Louis Public Schools.

Gentlemen — Inasmuch as this is the last report of the Board of Managers of the Public Library, a brief account of the creation of the successor to this Board is in order.

In accordance with an act of the Legislature approved in 1885, cities of a certain class were given, under needful restrictions, power to tax themselves for library purposes.

The question whether such a tax should be levied here, was submitted to the voters of St. Louis in April, 1893. This was carried by a large majority. In accordance with the provisions of said act the Mayor, by and with consent of the legislative branch of city government, appointed a board of directors to carry out the wishes of the people and provide for the City of St. Louis a Free Library.

As it was evidently the intent of the voters that the excellent Library which had been accumulated under the annual allowance of your Board and the support of the Life Members should form the nucleus of the Free Library, your Board of Managers, knowing the money expended in support of the Library was greatly needed in the prosecution of your trust in other directions, did all in their power to aid in the accomplishment of the desired result.

When the new Board was appointed steps were taken on

part of your Board of Managers to obtain the assent of the Life Members to join with you in the disposal of the present Library to the representatives of the city. This consent was obtained in writing; and on March 1st, the Library and its fixtures were transferred to the Board created by the Mayor; and the Board of Managers heretofore in charge ceased to exist.

The Librarian's report herewith submitted gives the details of our stewardship. It is a matter of congratulation that the School Board was enabled for so many years to secure to the citizens of St. Louis a Public Library which, though not free, afforded to the pupils in the schools an opportunity for good reading at a miminum of cost; and when the time arrived for the people to demand that this great benefit to the cause of education should be opened free to all, your Board was in position not only to be relieved of the burden of caring for this branch of public education but to obtain from a rental of a portion of your building a substantial yearly addition to your income.

It can reasonably be expected that with its increased revenue and the fact that it is now absolutely free to every person in St. Louis, this co-ordinate branch of public instruction will be in the future a much greater factor in the development of our educational interests than ever before.

Respectfully submitted,

OSCAR L. WHITELAW,

President.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

To the Hon. Board of President and Directors of the St. Louis Public Schools:

This report, heretofore presented to the Board of Managers of the Public Library, must necessarily be addressed to your Honorable body, since, through the transfer of the Library to the new Board of Directors, on March 1st, the Board of Managers ceased to exist. The report covers the vear ending June 30th, 1893, and the succeeding eight months up to March 1st, 1894, including the seventeenth and part of the eighteenth year of my service as Librarian and all but completing the twenty-fifth year of your control of the Library, and beginning the twenty-ninth year of its existence. During this period of your guardianship, the collection has increased from 12,000 to over 90,000 volumes, and now ranks among the best libraries of the country. What would have been its fate if it had not from infancy received your fostering care, it is hard to tell. It certainly would not have attained its present proportions or be able to look back on a career of such usefulness. Fortunately for the city, successive School Boards saw the necessity of a library as an adjunct of the schools and its educational value to the community; and they maintained it until the people were ready to undertake its support on a larger scale.

The usual statistics herewith submitted naturally make a less favorable showing than in former years, because they cover a period of change and transition, when the vitality of the institution was largely absorbed by the process of transformation. First came the moving into and furnishing of the new quarters, which necessarily lessened considably the amount of money available for the purchase of

books and interfered somewhat with the use of the collection. The Library was not yet housed in its new rooms when the agitation for making it free began. This caused immediately a falling off in subscriptions; and when the favorable vote of April, 1893, was announced, people supposed that the Library was thereby made free. After this false impression was corrected it was still supposed that the vote would take effect in a few months, and consequently members failed to renew their subscriptions. Meanwhile, there was no money to buy books, and the Library was therefore much less attractive. The results of these causes are shown in all the statistics; money receipts, books added and books issued. The following tables, with the Treasurer's reports, show the receipts and expenditures for the two periods covered by this final report.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1893.

DR.		CR.				
To Life Memberships	\$ 60	00	By Salaries	\$11,998	04	
Temporary Memberships	1,374		Books, Reg. Liby\$1,485 47	' '		
School "	613		" Coll. Dupli., 35 09			
South Blanch		00	" Med. Soc'y 24 70	1,545	26	
Non-resident		00	A day and to take a	0.5	0.5	
Med. Society	774		Advertising		35	
Fines	916	28	Binding	1,040		
Coll. Duplicates, Issues @ 5c\$545 20			Periodicals	874	40	
Magazines sold 65 85			Contingent fund Expense	456	70	
Books sold, lost and			" moving	1,815		
paid for 2 50	613	55	Furniture	641		
para 101 2 00	010	UU	Insurance	785		
Books sold, lost and paid for	90	77	Postage		93	
Catalogues and bulletins		65	Printing	170		
Postal cards	·	10	Supplies	423		
Old paper		50	Stationery	415	57	
Furniture	288	50	,			
Subscription refunded		60				
Rebate on Insurance	50	35				
Desk Receipts	\$4,755	30				
School Board appropriation.	14,000	00				
School Board appropriation						
moving expenses	\$1,700	00				
Total receipts	\$20,455	30	Total expenditures	\$20,277	78	
Balance in Treas. July 1st,	' '		Balance in Treas., July 1,	` ′		
1892	68	66	1893	261	13	
Balance in Contingent Fund,			Balance in Contingent fund,			
July 1st, 1892	40	76	July 1, 1892	25	81	
	\$20,564			\$20,564		

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR EIGHT MONTHS, FROM JULY 1, 1893, TO FEB. 28, 1894.

DR.			CR.		
o Life Memberships			By Salaries	\$8,149	18
Temporary Memberships	\$601		Books, Reg. Liby\$755 73		
School "	100		" Coll. Dupli 47 00	0.3=	
School " South Branch "		00	" Med. Soc'y 25 00	827	40
med butlety	150		A depositation in		0
Fines	488	95	Advertising	452	90
Coll. Duplicates,			Binding	917	
Issues, @ 5c\$338 75 Magazines sold 23 25			Contingent fund.	19	
Books sold, lost and			Expense	217	
paid for 1 35	363	25	Furniture	27	
	0.00		Insurance	292	
Books sold, lost and paid for	29	15	Postage	208	0
Catalogues and bulletins	2	20	Printing	220	9
Furniture	5	00	Supplies	63	
Renewal postals		06	Stationery	122	8
Desk receipts	\$1,743	69	_		
School Board appropriation.	9,490	44			
Matal massints	£11.024	10	Total awaya ditumos	C11 500	,
Total receipts		15	Total expenditures Balance in Contingent fund,	\$11,020	1
Balance in Treas., July 1, 1893	261	12	Feb. 28, 1894		9
Balance in Contingent Fund,		10	2 OD: MO; 100%		-
July 1, 1894	25	81			
•					
	\$11,521	07		\$11,521	0

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

PUBLIC LIBRARY, St. Louis, July 1, 1893.

To the Honorable Board of Managers:

The undersigned Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of President and Directors of the St. Louis Public Schools, said Board being the depository of the funds of the St. Louis Public Library, respectfully submits the following report of the receipts and expenditures in the Library fund for the year ending June 30, 1893:—

Balance in Treasury, June 30, 1892	
moving expenses	
	\$20,523 96
Amount paid out on warrants	20,262 83
Balance in Treasury, June 30, 1893	\$261 13

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES Y. PLAYER,

Secretary and Treasurer, Board of President and Directors St. Louis-Public Schools.

Public Library, St. Louis, March 1, 1894.

To the Honorable Board of Managers:

The undersigned Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of President and Directors of the St. Louis Public Schools, said Board being the depository of the funds of the St. Louis Public Library, respectfully submits the following report of the receipts and expenditures in the Library fund for the eight months ending February 28, 1894:—

Balance in treasury July 1, 1893\$	261 13	
Amount deposited by Secretary Public Schools 9,	490 44	
Amount deposited by Librarian Public Library 1,	743 69	
		\$11,495 26
Amount paid out on warrants	=	\$11.495.26

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES Y. PLAYER,

Secretary and Treasurer, Board of President and Directors St. Louis Public Schools.

MEMBERSHIP.

The last report noted 824 new members enrolled. The decrease in the registration does not adequately express the decline in the active membership, since a considerable number of the 720 new members reported above came in with the various medical societies that united themselves with the Library in order to obtain a meeting room, and for the most part used only the medical reading-room and reference departments.

The last report called attention to an increase of paying members from 979 in 1885 to 1521 in 1892. The numerous medical society memberships (including many duplicate cards), swells this to 1801, while, aside from these, there was an actual decrease from last year owing to the causes heretofore enumerated.

During the year 720 new members were enrolled.

MEMBERSHIPS IN FORCE JULY 1st, 1893.

Perpet	ual member	ships					47
Life							4,041
Benefi	ciary life				,		169
							12
							154
Tempo	orary	• • • • • •		••••	• • • • • • •		1,801
To	otals		• • • • • • •				5,964
NEW	MEMBERS	HIPS A	DDED	AND	OLD	MEMBERSHIPS	RE-
			NE	EWED.			
					00 100	2	

YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1893.

Life memberships:	
Subscription 29	
Beneficiary	45
	45
Temporary memberships:	
Subscription	
Kindergarten 154	
Honorary 12	
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	2,072
Totals	2,117

ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY.

But few purchases were made during the 20 months covered by this report. The great majority of the books catalogued were gifts, chiefly the McAnally collection. The following tables give full information as to classes, source, languages, etc.

ADDITIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1893.

CLASSES.	Regular Library.	Collection of Duplicates.	Totals.
Philosophy	44		44
Theology	594		594
Social Science Natural Science	512 326		$\frac{512}{326}$
Art and Poetry	154		154
Fiction	519	79	598
Juvenile Literature	198	2	200
Literary Miscellany	152		152
Travels and History	496		496
Cyclopaedias and Periodicals	314		314
Totals	3309	81	3390
Source.			
Purchase	793	S1	874
Gift	2070		2070
Pamphlets, bound	34		34
Periodicals, bound	259		259
Transferred from C. D	153		153
Totals	3309	81	3390 `
LANGUAGE.			
LANGUAGE.			
	3154	81	3235
English?rench.	15	81	15
English. French. Jerman.		81	15 139
English	15	81	15

ADDITIONS FOR THE 8 MONTHS ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1894.

CLASSES.	Regular Library.	Collection of Duplicates.	Totals.
Philosophy.	49		49
Theology	401	[401
Social Science	336		336
Natural Science	223		223
Art and Poetry	40 156	2	42
Fiction	156 62	58	214 63
Juvenile LiteratureLiterary Miscellany	60	1	60 60
Travels and History	312	9	314
Cyclopaedias and Periodicals	179	-	179
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Totals	1818	63	1881
Source.			
Purchase	401	63	464
Gift	1227		1227
Pamphlets, bound	190		700
Periodicals, bound	190		190
Totals	1818	63	1881
Language.			
English	1779	63	1842
French.	7	30	7
German	27		27
Other	5		5
Totals	1818	63	1881

BOOKS WORN OUT, LOST AND PAID FOR, ETC., 1892-93.

Worn out and condemned	21
Totals	293
Total additionsLess above	
Net increase	3,097

Of the 240 volumes worn out 76 were replaced by new copies; and of the 21 volumes lost and paid for, 5 were so replaced.

FOR THE EIGHT MONTHS ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1894.

Worn out and condemned	26
Totals	212
Total additions	. ,
Net increase	1,669

Of the 155 volumes worn out 64 were replaced by new copies; and of the 26 volumes lost and paid for, 5 were so replaced.

EXCHANGE AND DONATIONS.

Gifts to the Library during this period were exceptionally numerous and valuable. Aside from the five or six thousand volumes comprising the McAnally collection and the medical collections mentioned in my last report, the exchanges and donations received from July 1st, 1892, to February 28, 1894, amount to 1780 volumes and 3304 pamphlets. Special mention may be made of Patent Office Reports for 1891 and '92 from the German government; a set of The Standard, 10 vols., presented by B. C. Keeler, Geo. Bullock, N. O. Nelson, Dr. Geo. Homan, C. D. Darby, W. B. Addington, L. P. Custer, K. W. Trisler, S. L. Moser, A. B. Denton; a lot of 167 volumes, including some fine editions of standard works, from Dr. F. W. Abeken; a set of the Cyclopaedia Britannica, 24 volumes, from Dr. N. W. Pence; 46 volumes and 28 pamphlets from the Vermont State Library and 37 volumes from the N. Y. State Library. Among other noteworthy gifts are: -

J. R. Stevenson, 27 volumes; I.• H. Lionberger, 10 volumes; Mrs. Herthel, 59 volumes, 7 pamphlets; N. J. State

Historical Society, 8 volumes, 59 pamphlets; C. B. Burnham, 9 volumes, 14 pamphlets; National Electric Light Association, 12 volumes; Albert Ostertag, M. D., 10 volumes, 3 pamphlets; J. S. B. Alleyne, M. D., 11 volumes; Boston City Auditor, 30 volumes; Michigan Secretary of State, 16 volumes; New Hampshire State Library, 12 volumes, 1 pamphlet; J. H. Gordon, 30 volumes; Hon. Nathan Cole, 10 volumes; Dr. Kirchner, 5 volumes.

CONTENTS OF THE LIBRARY.

An inventory taken as carefully as was possible under unfavorable conditions shows the following contents of the Library: —

CLASSIFIED CONTENTS OF MAIN LIBRARY.

Philosophy	1,059
Theology	3,721
Social and political sciences	13,171
Natural science and useful arts	12,234
Art and poetry	5,429
Fiction	12,141
Juvenile	4,662
Literary miscellany	5,321
Geography and history	12,328
Cyclopaedias and magazines	8,842
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	78,908
Collection of duplicates	886
South Branch	
Bouth Branch	1,909
	7.000
Total of antowed hooks	01.700
Total of entered books	81,703
Books not yet catalogued - chiefly the McAnally and medical	ŕ
Books not yet catalogued—chiefly the McAnally and medical collections (about)	5,154
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BINDING.

During the year ending June 30th, 1893, 452 volumes (periodicals and books received in paper covers) were bound for the first time at a cost of \$293.61, an average of 65 cents a volume: 1,282 volumes were rebound at a cost of \$591.24, or 46 cents per volume. During the 8 months ending February 28th, 122 volumes were bound at a cost of \$102.56, or 84 cents a volume, and 245 volumes were rebound at a cost of \$121.28, or 49½ cents a volume. repairing done in the Library amounted to 2,889 volumes for the year and 956 volumes for the 8 months. figures include 574 volumes entirely rebound with new canvas covers, 710 volumes replaced in old covers and 2,561 volumes secured by strips across the back or otherwise substantially mended so as to last in most cases for Most of the volumes thus practically rebound are books but little used, the leather backs of which have been rotted by heat and atmospheric impurities. The cost of binder's salary and material for the year makes the average cost per volume 92 cents: during the last 8 months it was 19 cents.

The cost per volume of books bound and rebound by contract is much greater than heretofore because, 1st, so considerable a ratio of the larger sizes were sent to the bindery; and, 2nd, so many of the cheaper books were repaired at the Library. At the same time, a greater ratio of books rebound and a smaller ratio of volumes merely patched, raises the price per volume of books mended in the Library. This is especially the case the last eight months, when the work of our repairer consisted chiefly in rebinding in full duck.

CIRCULATION.

I explained in the beginning the causes of the marked falling-off that is shown by the following statistics of circulation. Instead of the increase that successive years have recorded, there was a decrease of 52,470 in the total issue for the year ending June 30, 1893. The details for the year and for the succeeding eight months are given in the following tables:—

ISSUE BY MONTHS.
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1893.

	The Art	1		
	Home Use.	Library Use.	Periodicals.	Total.
July	8,885	3,918	6,225	19,028
August.	8,867	4,227	4,195	17,289
September	8,005	3,943	8,164	20,112
October.	8,200	4,205	10,023	22,428
November	8,570	6,032	11,495	26,097
December	8,481	6,333	12,706	27,520
January	7,483	4,648	16,142	28,273
February	3,615	1.638	9,226	14,479
March	7,579	7,252	15,540	30,371
April	7,074	4,092	11,490	22,656
May	7,256	4,992	11,551	23,799
June	6,542	3,627	9,252	19,421
1892-93	90,557	54,907	126,009	271,473
1891–92	121,867	79,703	122,373	323,943
Loss	31,310	24,796	Gain 3,636	52,470

FOR THE EIGHT MONTHS ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1894.

	Home Use.	Library Use.	Periodicals.	Total.
July.	6,397	3,359	5,151	14,907
August	6,564 6,134	3,812 3,968	5,162 8,702	15,538 18,805
October	6,296 6,275	4,073 4,931	11,487 13,271	21,856 24,477
December	6,577	6,062	14,237	26,876
January February	6,196 5,733	6,479 6,060	15,759 14.319	28,434 26,112
Total	50,173	38,744	88,088	177,005

CLASSIFIED CIRCULATION. FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1893.

	Home Issue.	Per Cent.	Library Issue.	Per Cent.	Total Issue of Books.	Per Cent.
Philosophy. Theology. Social and Political Sciences. Natural Sciences and Useful Arts. Art Fiction Juvenile. Literary Miscellany Geography and History. Cyclopedias and Magazines.	716 927 1,958 2,699 3,758 52,787 15,808 2,772 5,996 3,136	1.03 2.16 2.98 4.16 58.27 17.45 3.07 6.63 3.46	1,528 5,590 6,947 5,472 14,148 4,670 3,468 6,825 5,161	1.99 2.78 10.08 12.64 9.96 25.7 8.41 6.72 12.51 9.21	7,548	6.5 6.6 46. 14.7 8.7 4. 5.7
Total	90,557	100.00	54,907	100.00	145,464	100.00

FOR THE EIGHT MONTHS ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1894.

	Home Issue.	Per Cent.	Library Issue.	Per Cent.	Total Issue of Books.	Per Cent.
Philosophy. Theology. Social and Political Sciences Natural Sciences and Useful Arts Art Fiction Juvenile Literary Miscellany Geography and History. Cyclopedias and Magazines.	459 554 1,260 1,563 1,885 31,327 6,606 1,348 3,339 1,832	91 1.11 2.51 3.11 3.76 62.44 13.17 2.69 6.65 3.65	12,743 $2,601$	$\frac{13.74}{7.92}$	3,754 6,877 4,950 44,070 9,207 4,027	1.26 1.98 4.22 7.73 5.57 49.56 10.36 4.53 9.72 5.07
Total	50,173	100.00	38,744	100.00	88,917	100.00

SUMMARIES FOR THE YEAR.

			1891-2.	1892-3.
Books for home use			121,867	190,557
Books for library use			79,703	54,907
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Total issue of books			201,570	145,464
Reading-room issue (periodic			122,373	126,009
Reading-room issue (periodic	cais		122,313	120,000
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Total issue in all department			323,943	271,473
Total issue in all department	s 1892–8	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	271,473	
Decrease in 1892-3		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	52,470	
Largest week-day issue Satu	ırday,	Smallest week-d	lay issue, Sa	turday,
March 26, 1893		Feb. 11, 189	93	
Home issue	451	Home issue		82
Library issue	289			
Reading-room issue	663			
Total 1	,403	Total		82
Largest Sunday issue, Janua	rv 22.	Smallest Sunda	v issue Aug	rust 28
1893 —	,		92 —	,400 20,
Library issue	108	Library issue	-	49
	556			
Reading-room issue	990	Reading-room is	ssue	31
Total	664	Total		80
200020		20001111111		
Average Sunday issue —		Total Sunday is:	sue —	
Library issue	78.7	Library issue		4,094
Reading-room issue	219.4	Reading-room i	ssue	11,409
Total	298.1	Total	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	15,503
Average daily issue —		Average week-da	av issue —	
Home issue	248.1	Home issue	•	289.2
	-10.1	Tromo Too do		200.2
	150.4	Library issue		169 2
Library issue	150.4	Library issue		162.3
Reading-room issue	150.4 345.2	Library issue Reading-room is		162.3 366.1
•		•	ssue	

Issue at Branch Library 3,763, a loss of 646 as compared with last year, and of 766 or 17 per cent in the last two years, and of 1559 or 29 per cent in the last three years.

1,145 notices were mailed to members from the issue department: 799 for books overdue; 3 for 7 day books not renewable; 21 postals were

returned because of insufficient data for renewal; 241 for memberships expired; 47 informing members of books reserved; and 34 calling attention to new books supposed to be of special interest to the persons addressed.

FOR THE EIGHT MONTHS ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1894.

Largest week-day issue, Saturday,	Smallest week-day issue, Wednes-
January 6, I894 —	day, July 4, 1893 —
Home issue 381	Home issue 7
Library issue 345	Library issue 16
Reading-room issue 703	Reading-room issue 66
Total 1,429	Total 89
Largest Sunday issue, February 4, 1894 —	Smallest Sunday issue, August 6, 1893 —
Library issue 96	Library issue 31
Reading-room issue 317	Reading-room issue 50
Total 413	Total 81
Average Sunday issue —	Total Sunday issue —
Library issue 61.71	Library issue 2,160
Reading-room issue 163.49	Reading-room issue 5,722
Total 225.20	Total
Average daily issue —	Average week-day issue —
Home issue 206.47	Home issue 240.74
Library issue 159.44	Library issue 175.88
Reading-room issue 362.46	Reading-room issue 395.99
Total 728.41	Total 813.09

The expected increase in the use of the Library on holidays is shown by the following table. The increase for the last year is the more notable as it is in face of a marked decrease in the general use of the Library.

HOLIDAY ISSUE. FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 3, 1893.

	Home.	Library.	R. Room.	Total.
July Fourth. Columbian Day. Thanksgiving. Christmas. New Year. Washington's Birthday.	12 146 34 57 79 170	38 108 194 211 274 121	58 251 281 286 418 460	108 555 509 554 771 751
Total	498	946	1754	3248

FOR THE EIGHT MONTHS ENDING FEB. 28, 1894.

	Home.	Library.	R. Room.	Total.				
July Fourth. Thanksgiving Christmas. New Year. Washington's Birthday	19 10 36	16 140 75 139 196	66 241 115 311 400	89 400 200 486 733				
Total	209	566	1133	1908				

PERIODICALS.

That frequenters of the reading-room seek instruction as well as entertainment, is shown by the number of times such periodicals as the Scientific American, Electrical World and Popular Science Monthly are drawn and by the general fact that many of the best periodicals are among the most popular. The relative popularity of the following list changes but little from year to year:—

** • *** • ***	0.11
Harper's Weekly 5,963	Scribner's
Puck	Leslie's Monthly2,550
Judge4,622	Youth's Companion1,639
Leslie's Illustrated News4,430	North American Review1,322
Sci. Amer. & Supplement4,206	Forum1,134
Harper's Monthly4,012	Vom Fels zum Meer1,124
Century3,838	St. Nicholas1,021
London News3,812	Electrical World 942
Golden Days2,725	Popular Science Monthly 882
Life2,690	Engineer and Mining Journal. 617
Ueber Land und Meer 2,690	Revue des deux Mondes 495

An attempt at a rough classification of the periodicals issued is presented in the following table: —

Philosophy	383	.30
Theology	1,477	1.17
Social and political science	37,364	29.50
Natural science and useful arts	19,894	15.71
Fine arts	940	.74
Juveniles	7,139	5.64
Lit. miscellany	19,025	15.02
Travels and history	981	,77
Miscellaneous	39,470	31.15
		———
Total	126,673	100.00

THE LIBRARY AND THE INTELLECTUAL LIFE OF ST. LOUIS.

There has been no abatement, but rather an increase, in the number and the activity of the clubs and classes that look to the Library for aid in their work. Various reference lists have been prepared; and during the winter a collection of books on the Renaissance was shelved in the "new book corner," so as to be accessible to the Wednesday Club and others who were studying that period. I give, as heretofore, the programmes of several of the leading clubs, because they show the kind of work the Library is helping to do, because the Library reports seem a most fitting place for a permanent record of the organized intellectual activity of the city, and because the programmes answer questions that reach me from other cities.

As noted in my last report, the Wednesday Club entered a new stage of its development in the formation of sections on Art, Current topics, Education, Literature and history, Science, and Social economics.

The sections prepared detailed programmes accompanied by syllabuses and list of books. Several of these were printed.

The Social economics section furnished to its members

an admirable written syllabus covering the following topics under the general subject, Social Progress:—

Progress of the workingman — 1st. In relation to his employer; 2nd. In relation to his fellows; 3rd. In relation to the state; 4th. In the rewards of labor; 5th. In possibilities of future progress.

The Art Section studied Da Vinci, Raphael and Michael Angelo, using the fine collection of autotypes owned by the Library, and a number of illustrated books, which were made accessible in our Art Room.

The Educational Section published a programme with a syllabus and list of books on Psychology. The winter's work included the following topics:—

Women in relation to school legislation.

Sensation and observation (Nursery — home).

Perception and reproductive imagination (Kindergarten).

Development of the moral sense through feeling and knowing.

Constructive imagination (Manual Training).

Imagination in childhood as developed by books.

Social problems and their solution from the standpoint of education.

The Science section published a programme with a list of books on the subject of Heredity; which was treated under the following heads:—

The Laws of Heredity.

The laws of heredity and exceptions.

 $\label{eq:Forms of heredity} \begin{aligned} & \text{Forms of heredity} \begin{cases} & \text{Direct} \\ & \text{Indirect} \\ & \text{Atavism} \\ & \text{Influence.} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$

The Causes of Heredity.

General relations between the physical and moral.

The History and Literature Section published a neat little handbook of 16 pages containing its programme and a list of books and magazine articles for the study of The Italian Renaissance. The following is a synopsis of the programme:—

FIRST PERIOD. - Inspiration and discovery. 1304-1374.

The history of the times in connection with and illustrated by the life of Petrarch.

Life of Boccaccio with contemporaneous view of condition of Florence.

Petrarch and Boccaccio as humanists. Niccola Pisano.

Petrarch as a poet: His Latin works, Disciples of Petrarch.

Boccaccio: The Decameron and other works: The Novellieri, Art in Florence.

SECOND PERIOD.—Arrangement and transition. 1374-1453. Transition period in history, literature and art.

THIRD PERIOD. -- Age of Academies. 1453-1513.

Fall of Constantinople and consequences. 1453-1478.

Florence and Lorenzo di Medici: Poliziano, Landino, Ficino, Pico, Alberti, Pulci, Bojardo, Michael Angelo, Leonardo and the artists.

Savonarola.

Academies, art and condition of Rome, Naples, Venice, Milan. Charles VIII. and the League of Cambray.

FOURTH PERIOD .- Gradual decline of learning. 1513-1527.

Florence and the Artists.

Ferrara: Ariosto, Pompanazzi.

Parma: Corregio.

Naples: Sannazzaro and Arcadia, Pontano, Bruno.

Rome: Julius II. and Leo X., Machiavelli, Bembo, Cartiaglione, Vittoria Colonna, Michael Angelo, Raphael, Guicciardini, Berni.

Venice: Aretino, Folengo and the burlesque, Titian and the Artists.

FIFTH PERIOD. Catholic reaction.

Torquato Tasso.

The section prior to taking up the Renaissance, studied Dante's Purgatorio and Paradiso, outlining the work by the following topical heads — The Poetry and Nature of the Purgatorio; Symbolism of Purgatorio; Philosophy of Purgatorio; Modern need for Purgatory; Symbolism and

Poetry of the Paradiso; Philosophy of the Paradiso; Historical Leadings to Dante; Historical Leadings to the Renaissance.

PROGRAM OF ELIOT SOCIETY, 1893-94.

. The Literary Committee of the Eliot Society of the Church of the Messiah presented the following programme for the

FOURTH YEAR'S STUDY OF HUMAN NATURE AND ITS ENVIRONMENT IN THE MODERN NOVEL.

The Doll House.

How far the wife may transgress traditions of marital duties when the husband's nature outrages her conceptions of principle.

Dr. Sevier.

The weakness of refined character when required to struggle unaided with the problem of making a living.

Don John.

The relative power of environment and heredity in modifying character.

The Revolt of Mother.

The question of a wife's right to cultivate selfishness in her husband by persistently effacing her own tastes and needs, in married life.

The Bondman.

The need to graduate discipline to the strength of the individual. The blow which brings out the best in strong characters, simply crushes the weak.

The Spoil of Office.

A study of political conditions to-day.

Wolfenburg.

The effect of the artistic career upon woman's character.

The Chosen Valley.

The hold which material values have upon the public conscience and imagination.

Put Yourself in His Place.

The rights of Union and Non-union men against each other, and of both against Capital.

Tess of the D'Urberville's.

The woman's right to have the same standard of purity set for the man as for herself.

God's Fool.

A question as to the rights of Property to dominate every other right.

Peter Ibbetson.

A study of some of the new powers which seem to be developing in the human mind to-day.

The Social Science Club held eleven meetings which were largely attended. The following topics were treated by well-informed writers and speakers, and the discussions called forth were animated and interesting:—

SOCIAL SCIENCE PROGRAMME.

1893-94.

The social Inferno.
Our currency and its problems.
When is it right for the individual to resist the State?
The needs of the city.
Altruism and economics.
What woman can do for woman.
Beauty, its secret and its relation to social health.
Intellectual provincialism.
The law of service.
The aim of punishment.
The problem of the poor:

- (a.) Poverty in pagan lands,
- (b.) According to Judaism.
- (c.) In Apostolic times down to to-day.

Unity Club, connected with the Church of the Unity, gave the winter to the study of Browning; a small club of ladies put the resources of the Library to test in their search for information on early American history; and two of the four Self-Culture Clubs organized by the Ethical Culture Society have studied English history and the others respectively, American history and literature, and Italian art.

The St. Louis Society of Pedagogy carried on a notable work, extending its activity and influence beyond the mem-

bers of the profession that forms the basis of its organization. Sections were formed for the study of Art, Science, Pedagogy, History and Literature. As a part of the Society's programme Dr. F. Louis Soldan delivered a course of evening lectures on English Literature in the High School assembly hall, which were listened to by large audiences drawn from the general public as well as members of the Society.

Several courses of lectures were given by Washington University: a course of five lectures on American history by Prof. John Fiske; six lectures on Greek Literature by Mr. Edmund H. Sears, Principal of the Mary Institute; six lectures on Contemporary French literature (in French) by Monsieur Henri Dumay; a course of lectures on Goethe's Faust extending through the year, by Prof. Otto Heller; two lectures on the Tariff and Finance by Prof. Taussig of Harvard, and other single lectures. The St. Louis Academy of Science contributed several public lectures; notably E. E. Barnard on Astronomy and Warren K. Moorehead on American Archaeology.

These lectures serve to stimulate intellectual activity among our people and to elevate the standard of the reading done by them. This kind of work could not be carried on if it were not for our libraries; and the existence of these clubs and classes and lecture courses makes a constantly increasing demand for the latest and best sources of information. The additions for the period covered by this report have been wholly inadequate. In former years the demand was fairly met by the exercise of the greatest care and the most rigid economy in the expenditure of our small book fund. Under the new regime there will be a larger fund; and the wants of students, it is hoped, will be better supplied.

THE DEATH OF EX-PRESIDENT LEARNED.

In the 28 years of its existence the Library has met with no greater loss than it sustained last year in the death of Rev. John C. Learned, who had been for eight years a member of the Board of Managers, half the time serving as Vice-President and the other four years as President. On December 8th, 1893, he passed from this world, mourned by the entire community, to whose best interests he had given his life for nearly a quarter of a century. A brief account of his connection with the Library and his eminent service in directing its affairs will be found in an appendix.

CLOSE OF THE CHAPTER.

With the period covered by this report the Library closes another chapter in its history. The subscription fee that had gradually been reduced from \$4 a year to \$2 (for minors \$1) has been done away with: the hopes of the founders are realized; and the institution is a Public Library in the fullest sense of the term. The chronological table for this portion of its record can now be completed.

CHRONOLOGY OF THE PUBLIC (SCHOOL) LIBRARY. 1865-1894.

Charter of Public School Library obtained by Hon. Stephen D. Barlow, Feb'y, 1865.

Library opened on S. W. corner of 5th and Olive streets, Dec. 9th, 1865.

Turned over to the Board of Public Schools and removed to Polytechnic Building April, 1869.

Reading-room and reference department made free June, 1874.

Name changed by dropping "School" Dec. 9th, 1884.

Corner-stone of new building laid Oct. 2d, 1891.

New Building dedicated Feb'y 17th, 1893.

Vote for a Free Library (36,235 to 6,188) April 4, 1893.

Board of Directors appointed by Mayor Walbridge, May 6th, 1893.

Transferred from School Board to Board of Directors, March 1st, 1894.

Open to the public June 1st, 1894.

In the midst of our rejoicings over the fruition of our hopes and endeavors, let us not forget the day of small things. In the pride of our present position and future prospects let us not lose sight of the labors of those who laid the foundations of the success we now enjoy. The city must forever remain indebted to Ira Divoll, Stephen D. Barlow, James Richardson and their coadjutors and to successive Library and School Boards for their disinterested work in behalf of the Library; nor can the enthusiasm and efficient service of its first Librarian, John J. Bailey, in starting the Library on its career, be overlooked.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred'k M. Crunden, Librarian.

May 29, 1894.

APPENDIX NO. 1.

RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF EX-PRESIDENT LEARNED.

At a meeting of the Board of Managers held Saturday, December 9, 1893, the following resolutions were adopted in recognition of Mr. Learned's distinguished services to the Library:—

WHEREAS, The St. Louis Public Library has been so fortunate as to be among the many institutions and interests of the city that have profited by the self-sacrificing labors of the Rev. John C. Learned; therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is incumbent on this board to express its realization of the loss sustained by the community in the death of Mr. Learned and to bear public testimony to the great and peculiar value of the services rendered by him to the library.

Resolved, That the following succinct account of his connection with the library be spread on the records and published in the next annual report, and that a copy be sent to his family and to the city press.

For eight years, from 1884 to 1892, Mr. Learned was a member of the Board of Managers, serving half the time as vice-president and the remainder as president, with two years as chairman of the Book Committee.

As president he missed scarcely a meeting of any committee and brought to every department of the library the benefits of his practical sagacity, his extensive information and his untiring devotion to duty. In the Book Committee his services were especially valuable, and the strength of the collection in certain lines and its value as a whole are owing in no small degree to his varied learning and literary judgment.

His cheerfulness, his urbanity and his quiet humor made the meetings of the board and its committees hours of social recreation and spiritual refreshment, which his coadjutors will always recall with the greatest pleasure. His genial nature and his loving acceptance of every duty of life gave him the peculiar power of elevating the routine of business and making the dullest details interesting and informing.

The influence of his character and the charm of his manner were felt even by the humblest employes of the library; and his withdrawal from the board, followed by that complete severance that death alone could cause, is the greatest loss the institution has ever suffered. It is no consolation to think how many interests and individuals must say the same.

O. L. WHITELAW, President.

F. M. CRUNDEN, Secretary.

APPENDIX NO. II.

DONATIONS JULY 1, 1892 - FEBRUARY 28, 1894.

1780 volumes and 3024 pamphlets were received as exchanges and donations from 593 sources as follows:

V	ols. P	phs.	v	ols. P	phs.
Abeken, Dr. F. W	167	12	Assoc. of Military Surgeons		
Aberdeen, Scotland, Public		- 1	of the Nat. Guard of U. S.	2	
Library		1	Atkins, F. H	1	
Adams, Ben S	3		Atlanta, Ga., Board of Educa-		
Adams, C. F	. 1		tion		1
Addington, Wm. B., and			Atlanta, Ga., Gammon Theo-		
others	11		logical Seminary		1
Alabama, Geological Survey	2	21	Backus, J. Bayard		1
Alabama, Inspector of con-			Bailey, I. H	3	
victs		3	Balch, E. S.	1	
Alabama, Secretary of State		5	Baltimore, Md., City Library	11	
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Sauveur Summer College of	••••	• 9	U. S., Coast and Geodetic		
Languages		2	Survey		1
Scranton, Pa., Public Library		2	U. S., Commission of Fish		•
Sheffield, Eng., Free Public	••••		and Fisheries		1
Library and Museum		2	U. S., Comm'r of Labor		
Sheldon, W. L		1	U. S., Dept. of Agriculture		197
Sidney, Aus., Dep't of Public	• • • • •	•	U. S., Dept. of Interior		173
Instruction	1		U. S., Dept. of the Navy		7
Sidney, Aus., Free Public Li-	-		U. S., Dept. of State		123
brary		1	U. S., Dept. of the Treasury		9
Sioux City, Ia., Public Li-			U. S., Dept. of War		8
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U. S., Weather Bureau	1	9	Wisconsin, Comm'r of Fish-		
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Vermont, State Library	46	59	Wisconsin, Comm'r of Insur-		
Virginia University		1	ance	1	1
Waltham, Mass., Pub. Library		1	Wisconsin, State Historical		
Wanamaker, John, Philadel-			Society	2	4
phia, Pa		9	Wisconsin, State Superin-		
Ward, Lt. Colonel	1		tendent		1
Washington Book Chronicle.		2	Wishon, A. G		2
Washington, D. C., Commit-			Whitelaw, O. L	3	12
tee on Publication		1	Woburn, Mass., Public Li-		
Waterbury, Conn., Bronson			brary		1
Library Fund		5	Wolkonsky, Prince Serge,		
Waterhouse, Prof. S		6	Russia	2	
Watertown, Mass., Free Pub-			Woodward, B. W	1	
lic Library		1	Woodward & Tiernan Pub-		
Webb, A. R		3	lishing Co	1	1
Wellington, New Zealand	1	11	Worcester, Mass., Free Pub-		
West Bromwich, Handsworth			lic Library		31
Public Library		1	Worcester, Mass., Commer-		
Whelpley, Dr. M		2	cial and Board of Trade		
Wilkes Barre, Pa., Osterhout			Bull		2
Free Library		12	Wyoming, Secretary of State		5
Winchell, N. H., State Geol-			Yale University		7
ogist of Minn		1	Yeakle, M. M		. 2

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS DONATED.

Daily -Galveston, Industrial Review. Houston, Texas, Post. New Orleans, Daily City Item. St. Louis, Amerika. St. Louis, Anzeiger. St. Louis, Evening Chronicle. St. Louis, Globe-Democrat. St. Louis, Post-Dispatch. St. Louis, Republic. St. Louis, Star-Sayings. St. Louis, Tageblatt. St. Louis, Tribüne. St. Louis, Westliche Post. Sidney, N. S. W., Morning Herald.

Atlanta, Railroad Record.

Weekly -

Weekly -

Bath, Eng., Phonetic Jrnl. Boston, Civil Service Record. Boston, Christian Register. Boston, Employer and Employed. Boston, Evolutionist. Boston, Living Issues. Boston, United States Investor. Boston, Weekly Review. Brentano's "Book Chat." Chicago, American Philatelist. Chicago, Bearings. Chicago, Clay Journal. Chicago, Evening Lamp. Chicago, De Nederlander. Chicago, Parthenon.

Weekly -

Chicago, Professional Window-Dresser.

Chicago, Referee.

Chicago, Street Railway Gazette.

Chicago, Weekly Stationary Engineer.

Cincinnati, Better Way.

Cincinnati, Economist.

Colton, Cal., Chronicle.

Craig, Col., Pantograph.

Denver, Mining, Industry and Tradesman.

Durand, Mich., Express.

East St. Louis Gazette.

Fort Collins, Col., Express.

Fort Madison, Democrat.

Kansas City, Ball-room.

Kansas City, Journal of Commerce.

London, Eng., Heretic.

London, Eng., Invention.

Los Angeles, Cal., Critique.

Madison, Wis., C.S. U. Bulletin. Madison, Ill., Times.

Mekeel, C. H., Philatelic Jour-

nal of America.

Melbourne, Australian.

Minneapolis, Minn., Northwestern Miller.

New York, Browne's Phonographic Weekly.

New York, Church Union.

New York, Doll's Dressmaker.

New York, Free Russia.

New York, Jewelers' Weekly.

New York, Jewish Messenger.

New York, New Church Messenger.

New York, Oil, Paint and Drug Reporter.

Paris, Le Monde Economique. Philadelphia, American Athlete Philadelphia, Satellite. Weekly -

Pittsburgh, Pa., Youth's Jrnl. Pilot Grove, Mo., Herald.

St. Louis, Age of Steel.

St. Louis, American Baptist.

St. Louis, American Celt.

St. Louis, American Frauen Zeitung.

St. Louis, American Journal of Education.

St. Louis, Central Baptist.

St. Louis, Christian Advocate.

St. Louis, Church Progress.

St. Louis, Coleman's Rural World.

St. Louis, Financial Record.

St. Louis, Humorist.

St. Louis, Interstate Grocer.

St. Louis, Jewish Voice.

St. Louis, Mechanic & Tradesman.

St. Louis, Mechanic & Electrician.

St. Louis, Medical Fortnightly.

St. Louis, Mid-Continent.

St. Louis, Miller.

St. Louis, National Monthly Druggist.

St. Louis, Our New Era.

St. Louis, River.

St. Louis, Schalk.

St. Louis, Shoe and Leather Gazette.

St. Louis, Spectator.

St. Louis, Stove and Hardware Reporter.

St. Louis, Sunday Mirror.

St. Louis, Waterways Jrnl.

St. Louis, Western Watchman.

San Francisco, Cal., Architect & Building News.

San Francisco, Cal., War Cry Santa Monica, Cal., Outlook.

Sydney, N. S. W., Mail.

Weekly -

Topeka, Kan., Western School Jrnl.

Washington, D. C., Good Government.

Washington, D. C., Inventive Age.

Monthly -

Baltimore, Tablet.

Boston, Civil Service Chronicle Boston, Christian Science Jrnl. Boston, New Jerusalem.

Boston, Our Dumb Animals.

Buffalo, N. Y., Kindergarten News.

Cambridge, Mass., Reader. Canada, Educational Monthly.

Chicago, Humane Record. Chicago, Amer. Soap Jrnl. and Perfume Gazette.

Chicago, Office Men's Record. Chicago, Parthenon.

Chicago & New York Pointer, A. Chicago, University Extension Magazine.

Cincinnati, Teacher and Organ-

Cleveland, O., Book Bulletin. Denver, Books.

Detroit, Pernin's Monthly Stenographer.

Hartford, Conn., Locomotive. Hartford, Conn., Travelers' Record.

London, Herald of Peace.

London, Pioreer of Wisdom.

Madison, Wis., C. S. U. Bulletin.

Melbourne, Argus.

Milwaukee, Erriehungs.—Blätter.

Minneapolis, Literary Light.
Minneapolis, Northwestern
Medical Journal.

New Bedford, Mass., Board of Trade.

Monthly -

New York, American Athenaeum.

New York, American Jrnl. of Politics.

New York, Book Review.

New York, New Earth.

New York, Social Economist. New York, Students' Jrnl.

Omaha, Neb., Bohemian Voice. Philadelphia, Book News.

Philadelphia, Journal of Zoöphily.

Philadelphia, P. C. P. Alumni Reporter.

Richmond, Va., Educational Jrnl.

Richmond, Va., Virginia School Jrnl.

St. Louis, Altruist.

St. Louis, Building, Trades Jrnl.

St. Louis, Confectioner and Baker.

St. Louis, Farm Machinery.

St. Louis, Inland Jrnl. of Education.

St. Louis, Lumberman.

St. Louis, Medical Jrnl.

St. Louis, Philatelic Jrnl. of America.

St. Louis, Phonetic Jrnl.

St. Louis, Spanish Amer. Trades Jrnl.

St. Louis, Student Life.

St. Paul, Literary Northwest.

Salem, Mass., Putnam's Monthly Historical Magazine.

Seattle, Wash., Pacific Theosophist.

Sedalia, Mo., The Sedalian.

Springfield, Mass., Kindergarten News.

Springfield, Mass., Physical Education.

APPENDIX NO. III.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS ADDED JULY 1, 1892-FEB. 28, 1894.

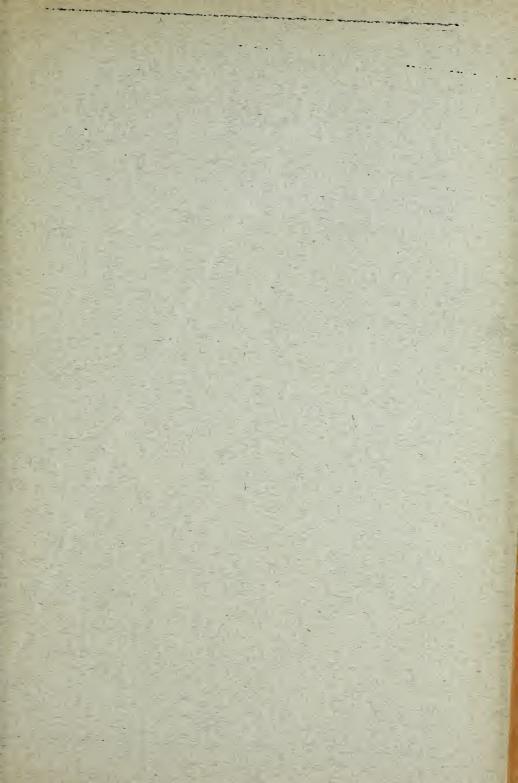
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Albrecht, Herman D.
Ameiss, Dr. F. C.
Auler, Dr. Hugo.
Baker, Mrs. A.
Barron, Dr. J.
Boemler, Dr. Geo.
Bribach, Dr. Benno.
Comstock, Dr. T. Griswold.
Curtman, Dr. C. O.
Crosswhite, Dr. J. R.
Figenbaum, Dr. E. W.
Fleming, Dr. A. W.
Frank, Lina.
Fultz, Dr. J. C.

Graves, Dr. W. W.
Grawe, Herman C.
Gregory, Charles R.
Guhman, Dr. Jno. O.
Hauck, Dr. Louis.
Hennerick, Dr. Jos. P.
Jordan, Dr. Alex.
Kleykamp, Dr. A.
Krieger, Dr. J. A.
Mackenzie, Dr. W. K.
Mardorf, Dr. W. C.
Marks, Dr. Heine.
Murphy, Dr. R. B.
Nitzschmann, Dr. E. T.

Pence, Dr. W. W.
Pierce, Dr. H. M.
Pitzman, Geo. M.
Schrade, G. W.
Schleifarth, Dr. C. W.
Scholz, Dr. Phillip.
Schultz, Dr. H. B.
Senseney, Dr. E. M.
Smith, Dr. E. S.
Valle, Dr. Jules F.
Vogt, Dr. G. W.
Vogt, Dr. J. G.

As the list above shows, very few life memberships were issued during this period except to the various medical societies that were under contract to make all their members life members of the Library.



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OF THE

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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PUBLIC FREE LIBRARY.

To the Honorable the Mayor of the City of St. Louis:

SIR - We hereby make our first annual report.

The history of the movement on the part of the tax-payers of St. Louis in taking the necessary steps by which the provisions of the act of the General Assembly of the State, approved in 1885, known as the "Missouri Library Law," could be made available, are familiar to all. The object to be attained, viz.: the establishment in St. Louis of a Public Library which should be absolutely free to all, was deemed of the utmost importance; and way for its accomplishment was finally provided.

The question whether the property owners would permit the small proportion of their taxes to be set apart for this purpose was submitted to the legal voters at the regular election in April, 1893; and the proposition was carried by a large

majority

The mayor in accordance with the law, appointed, with the approval of your honorable body, a board of nine directors. As the proceeds from the tax levy were not available until near the end of 1893, only preliminary work could be done. The board organized, and proceeded, with the aid of its secretary, Mr. Crunden, to prepare rules and familiarize itself with the requirements of the situation.

In the inception of this movement the St. Louis Board of Public Schools, under its then president, Mr. Gist Blair, took an active interest in the matter of the Free Library, the demands on the school funds being such that it seemed imperative that some way should be provided to relieve them of the Public Library, supported by annual appropriations.

The Board of Managers of the Public Library, composed of members of the School Board and persons elected by the life members, obtained during 1893 the written contract of the life members for the School Board to transfer the library

to the city under the law.

Your board felt that it would be greatly to the advantage of all parties concerned if the existing Public Library could be placed in their hands and opened free to all as the nucleus of their work. We advised the School Board in November, 1893, that is to say, as soon as our income was available, of our willingness to arrange to accept the library and relieve them of the burden of its maintenance. The School Board did not take up the matter until January. There was such a difference in the views of the two boards as to the terms of the contract that much time was consumed in the transaction; and it was not until March 1 that the transfer was finally made upon the following terms:

The deeding to the city of everything pertaining to the library by the School Board, and leasing the sixth and seventh floors and a room on the second floor of the Board of Education Building to the Free Library board for a term of five years at an annual rental of \$5,000. On account of the fact that so many different interests were involved, such as certain bequests made to the School Board on specific conditions and their peculiar relations to the life members, the details furnished many difficult legal problems. In adjusting these technicalities, the Free Public Library Board was fortunate in having the gratuitous service of

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so able a jurist as the Hon. John W. Noble, who gave his advice and counsel

and directed the forms of deed and lease.

The Board wish to take this opportunity to publicly acknowledge this great kindness to themselves and the community on the part of Gen. Noble. When the board of directors finally obtained possession of this library of 100,000 volumes, much was necessary to be done in order to prepare it for free use to the public. Thus, it was not till the first day of the present month, just one year from their appointment, that the wishes of the people could be realized and the city of St. Louis have in common with other cities, a free public library.

The Board was fortunate in being able to retain the services, as librarian, of Mr. Frederick M. Crunden, who stands easily in the front rank in his profession, and possesses the confidence and esteem of this community in a marked degree. His report, herewith submitted, will furnish the statistical information regarding the property of the Library, the condition of its funds, etc., required

by law.

Believing, with our predecessors, that the value of the Library was in its present condition fully \$100,000, we continue the insurance on the same basis, that is, \$75,000.

We submit with this report a copy of the rules adopted.

We call special attention to the facility afforded every one to obtain the use of the library. Every citizen of St. Louis and every one having employment in the city though a resident of the suburbs, and also every tax-payer, whether a resident or not, can, on application, obtain a Reader's Card. No rigid exactions are made, and there are no rules not rendered necessary for the protection of the library and its patrons. It has been the sole desire of the board to extend to the public, who are owners of the library, every facility for making use of the same.

Suggestions for the improvement of its management are solicited and will

have careful consideration.

The Board lost one of its members by death. Mrs. Elizabeth H. Noble was suddenly stricken and died in the midst of active energetic work in behalf of the Library. Her valuable suggestions were most helpful and will be noticeable in the future work of the institution.

Respectfully submitted,

O. L. WHITELAW,

President.

To the Honorable Board of Directors of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library:

I have the honor to submit herewith my first report as your executive officer, covering the period of your administration of the Library up to April 30, the end of the fiscal year. As the transfer of the Library was not effected till March 1, the statistics embodied in this report are for the months of March and April only. These months being a part of the period of preparation for the work of the Free Library, I have, as Librarian, little to record. As Secretary, however, I have thought it might be desirable and proper for me to present a succinct account of the year of organization and preparation that ended May 31.

The history of the movement that led to the vote of April 4, 1893, in favor of a free library, has already been published in my report for 1891-92, as Librarian of the late Board of Managers. Mayor Walbridge promptly appointed the Board of Directors in accordance with the provisions of the statute. On Saturday, July 1, 1893, immediately upon the confirmation of the appointments, the Board met and organized by choosing O. L. Whitelaw, President; T. A. Meysenburg, Vice-President and F. M. Crunden, Secretary, and drawing lots for the respective terms of the members. A committee was appointed to prepare a code of by-laws for the government of the Board and rul-s for the public. At this meeting the first volume owned by the St. Louis Public (Free) Library was presented by Col. T. A. Meysenburg, Vice-President.

Before your Board could take possession of the existing Public Library and begin the actual administration of your trust, it was necessary that the Library fund should be available, and that the consent of the life members of the School Board should be obtained. Your Board was advised by Mr, F. N. Judson that the written consent of a majority of the life members was necessary to make the transfer. The task of securing these signatures was in the hands of the Board

of Managers; and it was not till the end of November, 1893, that an unquestionable majority of over 2,000 was obtained. In November the School Board was notified that your board would be ready to assume control of the Library as soon as it could be turned over. No action was taken by that body till January; and it was not till March I that the transfer was finally effected.

Meantime your committee on rules worked faithfully at its task, and prepared a code of by-laws, which after careful examination, was adopted by the Board, October 28, 1893. A body of rules and regulations was compiled and after a very thorough revision was adopted by the Board, March 10, 1894. The rules were already in type and were published at once in a pamphlet of 27 pages, which contains also an ordinance drawn by Mr. F. N. Judson, for the protection of Library property and a "Reader's Guide."

All preliminaries had been, so far as possible, arranged beforehand, but the active work of making the Library ready for the public use could not begin until it had passed to your control. This preparation included the following

work:-

First — The walls and ceilings, which were bare plaster blackened with the smoke of two winters, had to be painted. This, with the preliminary taking of bids, occupied several weeks; and during the progress of the work, the rooms were in such confusion as to cause serious interruption to other operations.

Second — To provide for the expected large increase of readers, various alterations had to be made, which, with certain necessary repairs, required the employment of carpenters, metal workers and electricians.

Third—Additional furniture and appliances of a technical kind had to be

ordered from the east.

Fourth — Numerous blanks were required, which took printers in St. Louis and elsewhere weeks to furnish. As soon as the necessary cards arrived, on

April 26, the registration of readers was begun.

Fifth—Among these blanks and appliances were 75,000 book pockets and 75,000 book cards. On each pocket had to be written two numbers and a "catch-word," and the pocket had to be pasted into the book to which it belonged. This was a work of four weeks, all available members of the regular staff being assigned to the writing and three binder's apprentices being employed for the pasting. In doing this every volume in the circulating department had to be carried to the room where the work was done and afterwards replaced in its proper position. When this job was finished every one that could be spared, together with five young women employed temporarily, was set to work writing the book cards and inserting them in the pockets. On each card is written the class number, accession number, author and title. The books by truck-loads were again removed from the shelves of the Library and again replaced in proper order. Meanwhile the old members and the public who came to use the reading-room and reference department were served as usual, requiring the time of a majority of the regular staff. If the Library could have been closed, the preparations to meet the demands of a larger patronage could have been completed sooner — not proportionately, however, since the fulfillment of contracts by various mechanics and manufacturers constituted an essential factor that was beyond our control.

Sixth — For each person registering four blanks must be filled, one by the applicant and three by the library assistants, viz.: The "Registration Card," the "Reader's Card," the "Reader's Index" card and the "Guarantor's Index" card. For a registration of 3,000, therefore, 12,000 cards must be written, collated and arranged in proper alphabetical order in four separate series. Though the registration card is filled by the applicant, it takes as much time as any of the others, because it is necessary (in spite of printed directions) to give oral instructions to each individual. The giving out of readers' cards and the free issue of books to those who had previously registered, began June 1. Prior to this date two clerks had been engaged in the work of registration; now six are employed, four being members of the regular staff. Both regular assistants and temporary employes have worked extra time, and all have labored with most commendable zeal and assiduity. I think they may be proud, as I am pleased, with the results. The concentration upon the registration has drawn from the force previously employed on the book cards; but this work is, never-

theless, nearly completed.

It seems proper to state for the information of the public, that all this work was necessary for the protection of the Library property, for keeping an accu-

rate record of the books issued, and for their prompt delivery upon call. The charging system, which is essentially the same as that which was awarded the premium at the World's Fair, combines in the highest degree the two chief desiderata, speed and accuracy. The danger of errors is reduced to a minimum. The date when the book is due is stamped on the "reader's card," on the "book card," and on a "date slip," pasted on the fly-leaf of the book. The borrower can tell from his card, and from the slip, when the book is due; and by means of the "book card," which remains in the Library, it is easy to ascertain at any time what books are out, and what books are overdue. When the public understands the system and the staff has become perfectly familiar with its workings, from 200 to 300 volumes an hour can be received and as many issued.

One of the alterations referred to consisted in enlarging the "New Book Corner" and making another entrance from it to the stack. The juvenile collection has been removed to the shelves opposite this entrance; and our young folks will have free access to the books from 3 to 6 in the afternoon, with an assistant specially assigned to wait on them. This will secure to them better attention and also lessen the crowd at the regular issue desk. The arrangement of the desk has been changed by opening another window for receiving books and enlarging the space for the issue of books. The electric fixtures have been changed so as to afford much more light and at the same time protect the assistant's eyes. The shelves around three sides of the partition separating the delivery room from the stack have been inclosed to form closets for magazines and supplies; and additional shelving has been put in the medical room. Further additions are required in the technological room, the reference room and the public document room.

Among the devices and appliances that contribute to the improvement made in former methods, is the autographic cash register, by means of which an accurate and unquestionable account is kept of all money received at the desk. Whether \$5 for a lost book or 2 cents for a stamped return envelope, each item is recorded in triplicate, the original entry being handed to the payer as a receipt, the second put into the cash drawer of the receiving clerk and the third

remaining locked in the machine.

This record of the year cannot be closed without mention of the great loss sustained by the Board in the death of one of its members. On Monday, March 19, the Board met in special session, and adopted the following memorial:-

"It becomes the sad duty of the Board of Directors of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library to record the sudden demise of Mrs. Elizabeth H. Noble. In her death the board has lost a faithful member, and the cause of

popular education a zealous and devoted friend.

"It is fitting that we, as co-workers, bear public testimony to the fidelity, intelligent interest and practical sagacity that marked Mrs. Noble's discharge of her duties as a member of this Board, and that, as citizens, we express our appreciation of the loss sustained by the community in the death of so

active a promoter of all movements for the elevation of humanity."

The time of the Board and the labor of its officers and employes being concentrated on efforts to make the treasures already accumulated accessible to the public, but little attention could be given to additions to the collection, and very few purchases were made. A large order for English books has been placed, and the Book Committee is awaiting bids on a still larger order for American publications. Through the thoughtfulness of the board of managers of the old Library, 1,000 copies of the "A. L. A. Catalogue" were secured. This is a catalogue of a collection of 5,000 volumes that formed the "model library" exhibited at the World's Fair. The selection was made by a committee of the American Library Association, and the list includes what that committee, in conjunction with other librarians throughout the country, judged to be the best books in each department. There is certainly no better guide for the general reader. It has been the first care of the book committee to obtain the books in this catalogue that were not already in the Library. The publication of the catalogue adds to the debt that the people of this country owe to Dr. Wm. T. Harris, United States Commissioner of Education. The special needs of young people are further provided for by a supply of "Sargent's Reading for the Young," a classified,

graded and annotated list of books for readers between the ages of eight and

twenty years.

It is too soon to make definite predictions as to the increase in the use of the Library; but the registration thus far is sufficient evidence that the peo-

ple of St. Louis are prepared to appreciate a Free Public Library.

I present herewith statistics showing the routine work of the Library during the months of March and April, those relating to receipts and expenditures, books on hand, books purchased and books lost or missing, being verified by affidavit, as required by the statute. The additions were chiefly donations; the issue has no significance, as it represents merely the diminished circulation of the old subscription library.

Respectfully submitted,

June 9, 1894.

FREDERICK M. CRUNDEN, Librarian and Secretary.

CONTENTS OF THE LIBRARY.

An inventory taken as carefully as was possible under unfavorable conditions showed the following contents of the Library on January 1, 1894:

CLASSIFIED CONTENTS OF MAIN LIB	RARY.		
Philosophy			1,059
Theology			3,721
Social and Political Science			
Natural Science and Useful Arts			2,234
Art and Poetry			5,429
Fiction			,
Juvenile			4,662
Literary Miscellany			5,321
Geography and History			
Cyclopaedias and Magazines	• • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • •	8,842
			8,908
Collections of Duplicates		•	886
South Branch			1,909
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Total of entered books		8	1.703
Books not vet catalogued - chiefly the McAnally and n	nedical co	allections	2,,,,,
(about)			5,154
Unentered duplicates (about)			3,300
Volumes of unbound magazines (about)			975
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Total	• • • • • • • •	9	1,132
Additions for March and April —			
By purchase	• • • • • • • •	21	
By gift By binding of pamphlets	• • • • • • • • •	730	
By binding of periodicals	• • • • • • • • •	ð	9.00
by omaing of periodicals		94	808
Total, May 1, 1894			1 940
ADDITIONS.		••••••	1,040
For March and April, 1894, classified.	D	G-11	
Classes.	Reg. Lib.	Coll. of Dup.	Tls.
Philosophy		or Dup.	118.
Theology		••	361
Social Science		• •	60
Natural Science		• •	93
Art and Poetry	19		19
Fiction	33		33
Juvenile Literature	30	••	30
Literary Miscellany	26	3	29
Travels and History	108		108
Cyclopaedias and Periodicals	60		60
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German	21
Other 3	3
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BOOKS WORN OUT, LOST AND PAID FOR, etc.	
Worn out and condemned	31 4
Charged to members	7
Total	42
Total additions	808 42
Net increase	766

Of the 31 volumes worn out 21 were replaced by new copies; and of the four volumes lost and paid for, 1 was so replaced.

BINDING.

During March and April, 1894, 115 volumes (periodicals and books received in paper covers), were bound for the first time at a cost of \$67.55, an average of 59 cents per volume. Ninety-five volumes were bound at a cost of \$37.75, or 40 cents per volume. Besides these 456 volumes were repaired in the Library. These cost \$35.00, an average of 8 cents. Of this number 90 volumes were replaced in the old covers.

DONATIONS.

During the months of March and April considerable accessions were made to the collection by gift. Among the more noteworthy donations were the following:—

California, Secretary of State, 35 volumes.

Iowa, Secretary of State, 56 volumes, 57 pamphlets.

Minnesota, Secretary of State, 41 volumes.

Ohio, Secretary of State, 70 volumes.

Pennsylvania, State Library 23 volumes.

United States Government, 83 volumes, 24 pamphlets.

ISSUE STATISTICS.

Home Issue—	
Regular	9.695
Duplicate	
Library issue.	11,428
Library issue	12,031
Total issue	23 459
Reading room issue	27,490
200m 100m 100m 100m 100m 100m 100m 100m	
Total issue in all departments	51,449

State of Missouri, City of St. Louis, ss:.

Before the undersigned, a notary public within and for the city of St. Louis, Mo., appeared Mr. F. M. Crunden, Librarian of the St. Louis Public (Free)

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Library, who is personally known to me, who, upon being by me duly sworn, stated that the report to the board of directors of St. Louis Public (Free) Library hereto attached, is true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

FREDERICK M. CRUNDEN, Librarian.

(Seal.) Sworn and subscribed to before me this 11th day of June, 1894.

Gustavus M. Baare,

My term expires March 14, 1897.

Notary Public.

ST. Louis, June 11, 1894.

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CITY APPROPRIATION. Receipts and expenditures, March and April, 1894.				
To collections to March 12	\$48,915	32		
To collections to May 7	1,488		\$50,403	35
Total receipts			\$50,403	35
By salaries			\$2,563	67
Books, Reg	\$94	82	Ψ2,000	•
M. C	10	15	104	97
Building rent	\$833	24		
Insurance				
Repairs		00		
Heat	16		1 100	0.5
Printing		16 50	1,138	87
Stationery	12			
Supplies		00		
Expenses	78	49	348	74
Total expenditures			\$4,156	25
Balance in treasury	•		46,247	
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State of Missouri, City of St. Louis, ss.:

Before me, the undersigned, a notary public, within and for the city of St. Louis, Mo., appeared Hamlin Russell, personally known to me, who being duly sworn by me, stated that the attached statement of receipts and expenditures of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library for the months of March and April, 1894, on account of city appropriation and the attached statement of receipts and expenditures for the months of March and April, 1894, on account of other sources, are true and correct.

HAMLIN RUSSELL,

Chairman Auditing Committee Board of Directors St. Louis Public (Free) Library.

(Seal.) Sworn and subscribed to before me this 11th day of June, 1894.

GUSTAVUS M. BAARE,

Notary Public.

My term expires March 14, 1897.

APPENDIX.

Donations, March 1 to April 30, 1894.

Five hundred and thirty-one volumes and 579 pamphlets were received as exchanges and donations from 224 sources, as follows:—

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	Vols.	
Alabama, Geological Survey	1	1
Alabama, Secretary of State		5
American Folk-lore Society		1
American Institute of Homeopathy	2	
Ames, John G., Washington, D. C	5	163
Amherst College, Amherst, Mass		2
Association of Military Surgeons		1
Baily, L. H., Ithaca, N. Y		3.
		Or.
Baltimore, Md., City Library	11	
Baltimore, Md., Inspector of Mines		1
Baltimore, Md., Public Schools		1
Barnard, George D		1
Bell, James W	4	
Boston, Chamber of Commerce	2	
Boston, City Hospital	6	27
Boston, Department of Banks		5
Boston, Harbor Commissioner	` 1	11
Boston, Kindergarten for the Blind	r	1
Boston, Kindergarten for the Billia		1
Boston, Railroad Commissioners	1	,
Boston, Record Commissioners	2	4
Boston, Channing Club		3.
Boston, New England Mutual Life Insurance Co	1	
Boston, Provident Association		2
Brookline, Mass., Public Library		1
California, Governor	2	4
California, Napa State Asylum for the Insane	. 5	2
California, Secretary of State	35	_
California, Superintendent of Public Instruction	00	1
Cantornia, Superintendent of Fuone Instruction		1
Canada, Department of Agriculture		_
Canada, Geological Survey		4
Carpenter, Geo. O., Jr		5-
Chaplin, W. S., LL.D		3
Chicago, Board of Education	2	
Cincinnati, O., Public Library		1
Cincinnati, O., Observatory		4
Cleveland, O., Mayor	1	
Cleveland, O., Public Library		2
Clinton, Mass., Bigelow Free Public Library		1
Calle Hass, Digelow Free Ludic Library	4	1
Cobb, Hon. S. W	*	°2
Concord, Mass., Free Public Library	~	
Connecticut, Bureau of Labor Statistics	7	2.
Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y		2
Crunden, F. M	1	1
Cunningham, Rev. Dr., London, Eng		1

	Vols.	Pph.
Davies, John F., Butte City, Mont		1
Dewey, Melvil		9.
Dickinson, Dr	3	
Dover, Eng., Public Library		1
Duclos Salinas, A	1	
Edgell, G. S	1	
Espen, C. D	1	
Field, John T		1
Georgia, Commissioner of Agriculture	1	2
Georgia, Geological Survey		· 2·
Georgia, State School Commissioner	1	
Georgia, Treasurer	1	
Germantown, Pa., Friends' Free Library	,	1
Gibbes, Emily O., New York City	1	1
Gould, MrGreen, Miss K L	c	1.
Harris, W. John, M. D	6 6	
Harris, W. Juli, M. D	0	1
Hartford, Conn., Theological Seminary	2	1
Harvard University	2	4.
Hugo Wm	1	19
Huse, Wm	1	10
Iowa, Secretary of State	56	57
Jargay City N. I.	50	3
Jersey City, N. J		3
Johnson, E. P	34	0
Judge, William Q., New York City	1	
Kansas, Board of Railroad Commissioners	1	
Kansas, Insurance Department	8	3
Kansas, Secretary of State	4	
Kaviratna Avinash Chandra, Calcutta, India	•	1
Kellogg, E. L. & Co., N. Y. City	1	•
Kinney, Abbot	1	
Kirchner, H. W	ī	
Lawrence, Mass., Public Library	_	2
Leipsig, Buchgewerbeblatt		12
Liverpool, Eng., Free Public Library		1
Los Angeles, Cal., Public Library		2
Loewenstein, M. J	1	
Lynn, Mass., Public Library		1
McClurg, Gen. A. C., Chicago, Ill		2
Manley, W. E., D. D		1
Maryland, Bureau of Industrial Statistics		1
Maryland, Commissioner of Land Office		1.
Maryland, Comptroller of Treasury	1	
Maryland, Secretary of State		4.
Maryland, State Board of Education	1	
Maryland, State Board of Health	1	1
Maryland, State Tax Commissioner	1	
Maryland, State Weather Service		L
Massachusetts, Auditor	1	
Massachusetts, Board of Commissioners of Savings Bank	2	
Massachusetts, Bureau of Labor	2	
Massachusetts, Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary		1
Massachusetts, Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and Game		1
Massachusetts, Commissioners of Prisons		1
Massachusetts, General Hospital		4
Massachusetts, Perkins Institute and Mass. School for the Blind		1.
Massachusetts, State Board of Agriculture	1	
Massachusetts, State Board of Arbitration	4	
Massachusetts, State Board of Health	4	
Mekeel, C. H		1
Meier, D. F., German Consul	1	Ľ

	Vols.	Pph.
Michigan, Fish Commission	1	5
Michigan, State Board of Corrections and Charities		1
Michigan, State Horticultural Society	1	
Michigan, University	1	
Milwaukee, Wis., Mayor	1	
Milwaukee, Wis., Public Library		2
Minneapolis, Minn., Mayor	1	
Minneapolis, Minn., Public Library		2
Minnesota, Geological and Natural Hist. Survey		2
Minnesota, Secretary of State	41	2
Missouri, Botanical Garden	1	2
Missouri, Horticultural Society	$\tilde{2}$	_
Missouri, Insurance Dep't	ī	
Missouri, Labor Commissioner	i	
Missouri, Railroad Commissioner	3	
Missouri, State Board of Agriculture	$\frac{3}{2}$	
Montana, Board of Stock Commissioners	2	1
Montana, Governor	. 1	$\frac{1}{2}$
Montana, State Auditor	1	1
Montana, Sup't of Public Instruction		
Moore, R		1
	,	1
Morton, Levi P., N. Y. City	1	
National Electric Light Assn	1	
Nevada, State Board of Assessors and Equalization	1.0	1
Nevada, State Librarian	10	4
New Bedford, Mass., Free Public Library		1
New Jersey, State Library	1	
New London, Conn., Public Library		1
New York State Library	4	3
New York Board of Education		1
New York Bureau of Labor Statistics	4	
New York State University		1
New York City Aguilar Free Library		1
New York, Amer. Swedenborg Printing and Publishing Society	12	6
New York Century Association	1	
New York General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen	,	1
New York Mercantile Library		3
New York Society of New York Hospital		1
New York Woman's Hospital		1
New York Young Men's Christian Association		1
New West Educational Commission		1
Newton, Mass., Free Library	1	
Nolan, Edward J., M. D		1
North Dakota Commissioner of Agriculture and Labor		2
North Dakota State Examiner		1
Ohio Secretary of State	70	4
Parker, Francis W., Englewood, Ill		1
Pennsylvania, Auditor-General	1	
Pennsylvania State Library	23	7
Philadelphia City Institute		1
Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences		1
Philadelphia American Pharmaceutical Association	1	
Philadelphia Apprentices Library Co		1
Philadelphia Hospital	1	
Philadelphia Indian Rights Association		4
Philadelphia Mercantile Library		2
Pinchot, Gifford, London, Eng		1.
Poole, W. F., LL. D., Chicago, Ill	1	
Portland, Ore., Public Library		7
Providence, R. I., Brown University		1
Rand, McNally and Co., Chicago, Ill		1
Ray, Pratapa Chandra, Calcutta, India		3
Rhode Island Commissioner of Public Schools	1	
Rombauer, R. E. P. J		3

	Vols.	
St. Louis Bohemian Gymnastic Association, "Sokol"		1
St. Louis City Register	14.	
St. Louis Health Department	1	
St. Louis Mercantile Club	1	
St. Louis Mercantile Library Association		1
St. Louis Merchants' Exchange	1	
St. Louis School and Home	1	
St. Louis Washington University		3
St. Paul, Minn., Public Library		1
Salem, Mass., Essex Institute		1
Salem, Mass., Public Library	1	4
Sampson, F. A., A. M		2
Schroeder, H. H	1	
Smithsonian Institute	4	
Soldan, F. Louis, LL.D	2	
Soudier, H. Le, Paris	5	
Southampton, Eng., Public Library	1	
Springfield, Mass., City Library Association		6
Springfield, O., Public Library		í
Stevens, B. F., London, Eng		$\frac{1}{2}$
Stratford-on-Avon, Shakespeare Memorial Library		ĩ
Swansea, Eng., Public Library		2
Swarthmore, Pa., Swarthmore College		í
Taunton, Mass., Public Library		1
Trelease, Prof. Wm		1
U. S. Bureau of Education	1	7
U. S. Census Office	1	
	-	3
U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey	1	
U. S. Comm'r of Labor	0	1
U. S. Department of Agriculture	2	1
U. S. Department of Interior	58	4
U. S. Department of State		2
U. S. Department of the Treasury	2	
U. S. Department of War	11	1
U. S. Fish Commission	2	
U. S. Geological Survey	2	
U. S. Interstate Commerce Com'n	2	
U. S. Naval Observatory	1	
U. S. Weather Bureau		6
U. S. Surgeon-General	1	
Vermont State Agricultural Experiment Station	2	1
Wall, Otto A., M. D		1
Waltham, Mass., Public Library		1
Waterhouse, Prof. S		2
Watertown, Mass., Free Public Library		ī
Wilkesbarre, Pa., Public Library		$\overline{2}$
Wisconsin Comm'r of Railroads	2	1
Wisconsin State Agricultural Society	5	1
Wisconsin State Board of Health	1	
Wisconsin Superintentent of Public Instruction	3	
Worcester, Mass., Free Public Library	J	1
Wyoming Attorney-General		1
Voorhees, D. W		
T OUTHOUS, I. IT		1







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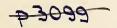
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THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

To His Honor, Cyrus P. Walbridge, Mayor of St. Louis:

In accordance with the provisions of the law, we beg to present the Annual Report of the Directors of the Public (Free) Library.

The year just closed is the first full year of operation under the new law. You will remember that the board appointed by you only acquired the library fourteen months ago, and at last report had been in charge only about two months.

The full and complete statistics furnished the Board by our Librarian, Mr. Frederick M. Crunden, and affidavits supporting financial statements, accompany and are a part of this report.

A careful examination of these figures and a comparison made with the corresponding dates of the work of the Library during the time when it was not free will show that the citizens of St. Louis appreciate the advantages of a free library, and are quick to avail themselves of the opportunity thus afforded of making use of the large collection of books at their disposal. The friends of the movement to provide St. Louis with a public library, free to all, and thus remove the reproach which had been so long attached to her fair name, were well aware that the increase of readers would be noticeable at once; but it is doubtful if even the most sanguine of its supporters were prepared for the eagerness with which the community came to register their names and draw the books—a privilege which had been made possible by the vote of the tax payers setting apart the insignificant sum of one-fifth of a mill of the tax levy of the city for this purpose.

The commodious quarters in the sixth and seventh floors of the Board of Education Building, 9th and Locust streets, planned with such careful forethought, with all the appliances necessary for the administration of a modern library, which were leased from the School Board, are already proving inadequate to the demands made upon the Library.

To remedy this congestion and for the greater accommodation of the public, your Board has established delivery stations in different parts of the city, where readers can draw books and return them, thus saving the long journey to the main library.

These stations, together with arrangements made with the public schools and various institutions, etc., greatly multiply the use and advantages of the Library. The Board of Directors realizes that this great educational factor belongs to the citizens of St. Louis; and every effort on its part consistent with the income at its disposal, will be made to bring the benefits of the Library to the greatest possible number.

Under the original act passed by the Legislature in 1885, known as the Missouri Library Law, while the Board of Directors was vested with the authority to acquire real estate, it was legally powerless to provide the necessary funds for the erection of a building on any lot it might be able to secure.

It has from the beginning been the desire of the Board to save, if possible, enough from its annual income to procure an eligible lot and thus make a beginning towards securing a permanent home for the Library. Aside from the great rental we are obliged to pay the School Board for the present quarters, which will soon be entirely too small for our needs, the great expense and inconvenience of hoisting in elevators fifty thousand people per month must be apparent to all.

With these objects in view necessary steps were taken at the last session of the Legislature; and the act was so amended as to make it lawful for the Board to issue bonds to obtain money for the erection of a building, but for no other purpose. An opportunity is here afforded to any public spirited, loyal citizen of this great city to dedicate a portion of his possessions in the shape of a donation of a plot of ground, or an endowment of money, to the lasting benefit of his fellow citizens, and thus lay the foundation of a monument which would perpetuate his memory as long as St. Louis shall be known as a city.

Other cities have had such far-sighted philanthropists; and may we not reasonably expect that in the near future some one may be constrained to do the public this great and lasting service? Such a gift would very much simplify the problem that now faces the Board.

We venture to predict that the time will come when the Library will have become so firmly intrenched in the affections of the great mass of the people, that any legislation in the way of larger appropriations in the direction of increasing its usefulness, can easily be obtained; but this is a process of education and of slow growth.

In the meantime exigencies arise which are difficult to overcome with the present income, every dollar of which in excess of expense of administration should be expended in additions to our books—completing departments of science still lacking the latest text books and thus equipping the Library to meet every demand.

This report would be incomplete did we not refer to the superior excellence and efficiency of the present staff of the Library. This force, as you are doubtless aware, is secured and retained through the application of the rules of modern civil service. Every position is filled with the successful competitor of a rigid examination, consequently the force is a careful selection of the fittest. Promotions are conducted in the same manner. The result therefore places the administration of the Library in the hands of ladies and gentlemen of more than ordinary ability and attainments, producing an "esprit de corps" which must be apparent to even the casual visitor.

In conclusion I would add that the utmost harmony and good will prevails in the Board. Not a dissenting voice is heard; and no other aim has been apparent on the part of each and every member than the single purpose of doing all in their power to execute the trust placed in their hands, so that this great public institution of learning shall bring its influence to bear on the greatest number, and thus fulfill its very important mission in this city.

Respectfully submitted,
OSCAR L. WHITELAW,
President.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

To the Hon. Board of Directors of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library:—

I have the honor to submit herewith my second annual report as your executive officer, covering the year from May 1, 1894, to April 30, 1895. This is the first full year of your direction; but not yet can the record be presented of the first full year of a free library in St. Louis, for the Library was not opened free to the public until the first of June. Registration began practically on May first, with the beginning of the library year; and at the end of the year over 26,000 names had been registered. They came in with notable regularity, the last six months showing very little variation from an average of 2,000 a month. With this steady growth in the number of readers, it is evident that only the statistics of the last few months can be taken as any indication of the work and the popularity of the library; and the greater usefulness of a free, as compared with a subscription, library cannot be fully shown in figures until the total of a full year's issue under the new order shall have been recorded. The results to date of discontinuing the subscription fee of \$2 a year (\$1 for minors) may be briefly summed up thus: a registration four times as large as formerly, and a home issue 3½ times as great as the maximum under the old régime. The latter ratio is obtained by comparing the issue of March with the largest month's record of the old library.

The receipts and expenditures for the year are given in the following table, which combines the monthly financial statements that have been attested by your Auditing Committee and is accompanied by the affidavit of the Chairman of the Committee.

To agree with the accounts in the City Auditor's office, which are closed with the second Monday of each month, the statement of the City Treasury fund is brought up to May 13, while the statement of the bank fund and contingent fund closes with April 30, the date when the library year ends.

It will be seen that the year's revenue from the City tax of 1/5 of a mill amounted to \$59,320.97, to which was added \$2,615.80, the sum received for fines, issue of extra volumes, etc., and a large balance left over from the preceding year's income, out of which only two months' expenses were drawn. The total of expenditures was \$48,358.88, which will necessarily be increased with the growth of the Library and the extension of its usefulness.

Comment or explanation of certain items in the schedule, if not necessary, will, at least, not be superflous.

It is noteworthy that the increase of salary expenses from (in round numbers) \$12,000 to \$16,000 is not at all proportioned to the increase in the work done.

The outlay for furniture and repairs is larger than it is likely to be again for some years. As mentioned in the last report, extensive alterations and repairs were necessary to adapt the premises to the larger work undertaken by the Directors of the Free Library. The largest single item was \$773.70 for painting the rooms and halls. Next to this come \$783.02 for carpenter's wages, lumber, hardware and other material; \$513.22 for special furniture and appliances; \$200 for the system of basket carriers; \$170.05 for repairs and additions to electric lights and bells; and \$116.50 for metal work. The balance consists of smaller items from \$10 up.

Under Expense, the largest item, next to printing and stationery, is \$407.82, the amount paid for temporary service in arranging for the change in the charging system and other work of preparation, as explained in detail in the last report. The expenditure for printing and stationery was larger than it is likely to be for several years at least, since it includes the cost of 75,000 book pockets and 80,000 book cards, and also the many thousands (about 125,000 in all) of application cards, reader's cards, and cards for readers' and guarantors' indexes, besides 20,000 copies of the "Rules and Readers' Guide" and 500 copies of another pamphlet containing the State law and the City ordinances relating to the Library and the by-laws of the Board.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1895.

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То	Balance in City Treasury May 7, 1894	\$46,247 10 59,320 97	\$105,568 07
	Balance in Bank Fund, May 1. Coll. of Duplicates, Cards Sold	717 45 1,573 77 118 12 26 43 144 71 26 86 3 00 3 41 1 60 45	2,615 80 \$108,379 15
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Ву	CR. Salaries Books, Reg. Main Library Collection Collection of Duplicates Medical Collection. Binding	\$11,066 55 243 78 463 55 1,498 69	\$ 16,113 12
	Periodicals Periodicals, Medical Collection	721 42 167 80	· \$14,161 79
	Building, Rent Light Insurance Heat, Sundays and Holidays. Water, 6 months. Furniture and Repairs. Elevator, Salaries Electric Power.	\$ 5,000 00 1,916 00 1,003 50 429 01 180 00 2,882 24 1,210 72 1,716 02	14,337 49
	Expense, Delivery Stations. Printing and Stationery. Supplies Advertising Postage Sundries Writing Book · Cards, etc	194 65 2,481 68 243 47 9 25 134 53 275 08 407 82	3,746 4 8
	Total Expenditures. Balance in Bank Fund, May 1— Cert. of Deposits, 3@\$500.00. Current Deposit.	\$ 1,500 00 818 80	\$ 48,358 88
	Balance in Contingent Fund, May 1		\$ 2,318 80 26 49 \$ 57,674 98
		_	\$108,379 15

REGISTRATION.

The Library continued to serve its former subscribers up to June 1st, when it was opened to the general public. The registration of readers, however, began with the year, or, to speak exactly, on April 26, 1894. Up to April 30, 1895, 26,064 names had been registered. This involved the numbering, filling-in and arranging of 100,000 cards, many of which had to be handled twice.

As this report is meant ultimately for the information of the public, I have thought it well to present with reasonable fullness the details of the practical working of the library in each department. It is proper that the people should know how their work is done in every public institution; it is desirable that our citizens should have some idea of the amount and kind of labor involved in the administration of a large library; and especially is it necessary that they should know the simple forms by which they may secure the privileges to which they are entitled and the means by which their property is cared for at the same time that it is made available to every resident of St. Louis.

CONDITIONS AND RULES.

Any person of decent appearance and behavior may, without previous application and without any other formality than writing his name and address on a call-slip, obtain books and periodicals to read or consult in the rooms. A card entitling the holder to draw books for home reading will be issued on application to any person who resides or pays taxes or has permanent employment in St. Louis, and who can furnish a reasonable assurance that he will comply with the rules and regulations.

with the rules and regulations.
Applicants must sign the following blank:—
THIS APPLICATION MUST BE FILLED OUT IN INK, AND APPROVED, BEFORE CARD IS ISSUED.
I, the undersigned, apply for a reader's card in the St. Louis Public (Free) Library.
OROSS OUT WHAT DOES NOT APPLY. I { am a resident of the city, am a taxpayer in the city, have permanent employment in the city,
and hereby agree to comply with all the rules and regulations of the Library, to make good any loss or injury sustained by it through issuing a card entitling me to draw books, and TO GIVE IMMEDIATE NOTICE OF CHANGE OF RESIDENCE.
Signature (in ink)
Residence
Occupation
Place of business
THE CARD WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IF COULD OF FOLDED

The rule requires as security for the prompt and safe return of books "a cash deposit or a guaranty signed by a resident of the city known to be responsible."

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Signature (in ink)	
Residence	

A city ordinance makes it a misdemeanor to take books from the Library "except in accordance with the rules," or to fail to return them when notified, or to damage books or other library property. Experience thus far justifies the liberal policy of the Board, for out of 331,000 books issued for home reading, only three were not returned. The precaution that might have prevented this loss would probably have deterred some thousands of readers from using the library.

WORK OF REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT.

The application being approved, a "reader's card" is issued to the applicant, which he must always present in drawing or returning a book. This card has on one side the reader's name with a synopsis of the rules relating to cards and their use: the other side bears the holder's number and is ruled into thirty spaces for recording the issue and return of books. When the registration ranged from 60 to 150 a day, reader's cards could not be issued immediately, as they have been the last month with an average registration of about 30 a day. The reason for this becomes apparent on an explanation of the work involved.

The application cards are arranged in drawers in alphabetical order. When the "reader's card" is not delivered at once it is kept with the application card until called for.

At first the guaranty was printed on the back of the application card, which necessitated writing another card for the "guarantors' index." Now, being on a separate card, it

serves for the index, the name being written on the top line as shown in the above sample.

For convenience in recording loans, each reader is known by the initial letter of his name followed by a number, which indicates how many persons of that initial have registered up to a given time. For example, "A 748" is the seven hundred and forty-eighth person registered whose name begins with A. The total registration at any moment can be found by adding the numbers on the last card under each letter of the alphabet. To find who "A 748," for instance, is, it is necessary to have an index arranged according to letters and numbers. This makes four cards that must be filled out, one of which is given to the reader, while the other three are filed in separate drawers, in alphabetical, or numero-alphabetical order. Besides this, the name of all persons not well known, i. e., at least nine-tenths of all applicants—must be looked up in the directory. All this, it will be readily seen, was sufficient to occupy the whole time of at least two persons. At times as many as four were engaged most of the day at this work; and it was not till May, when the registration fell off with the coming of warm weather, that the index to guarantors was brought up to date.

The numerical details of the registration are as follows:

NAMES REGISTERED UP TO APRIL 30, 1895.

Men	
Women	
Children	
	26,064

From the above total registration the following deductions should be made, in order to ascertain the number of reader's cards in force at the close of the year:

Guarantors withdrawn	
Dead 14	
Left town	
Cards surrendered	
Held for fines	
*Not called for	1,721
Total number of cards in use April 30	24,343

^{*}Chiefly the cards of recent applicants.

ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY.

The records of the order and catalogue departments show almost as large a ratio of increase as those of the issue department. During the last full year of the old library the net growth was 3,324 volumes, and the average of the previous five years was less than 4,000 volumes. The first year of the free library shows a net gain of nearly 12,000 volumes. The announcement that the library is growing three times as fast as heretofore will undoubtedly be gratifying to our citizens; but it will convey to the average reader no idea of the amount of work involved in the selection, purchase and cataloguing of such a large number of books.

SELECTION OF BOOKS.

The lists presented to the Committee on Books are drawn from three sources: (a) Books directly and formally recommended by readers; (b) The general call for books not in the collection or of which there is not a sufficient number of copies; (c) Lists prepared by the librarian.

Persons who use the library are requested to recommend books which they consider desirable additions. From time to time specialists are invited to inspect the catalogue and point out deficiencies in their respective departments. The person who recommends a book is notified when it is ready for issue and is thus given an opportunity to be the first to draw it.

All the assistants are instructed to note calls for books not in the collection, or of which there are not enough copies, and also to call attention to inquiries that can not be answered for want of books containing the desired information. Two-thirds of the past year's additions consisted of additional copies of books most in demand. The highest number of copies of any book added to the regular collection was 68 copies of the Count of Monte Cristo; next to this in adult fiction was Vanity Fair, 50 copies; followed by Les Miserables, 37; David Copperfield, 36; Henrý Esmond, 29; Ivanhoe, 27; Uncle Tom's Cabin, 25, and Scarlet Letter, 22. Among books for children Little Women takes the lead with the addition of 53 copies, followed by 49 of Jo's Boys, 44 of Tom Sawyer, 41 of Under the Lilacs, 36 of Little Men,

28 of Andersen's Fairy Tales and 22 each of Robinson Crusoe and Arabian Nights. These figures, as I have said, apply to the regular collection. Including the "Collection of Duplicates"* they are exceeded by "Trilby," of which 100 copies were bought, six for the regular library and 94 for the Collection of Duplicates.

The preparation of purchase lists of new books and of books required for the filling out of the various departments constitutes no inconsiderable or unimportant part of a librarian's duties. He must note in publisher's announcements the new books that appear from time to time; and, by reading reviews or personal examination, he must inform himself as to their respective merits. He must consider the special wants of his community and choose with due regard to the strength or weakness of the collection in various directions. To obtain at reasonable prices books that are out of print and in general to make the most of the book fund, he must scan the catalogues of second-hand booksellers and auction sales and use his judgment in bidding or making purchases when prompt action is necessary. In all his purchases and recommendations he must carefully consider whether the proposed expenditure is the very best use to which the requisite money can be put. He is fortunate if, as has been the case in this library for many years, he has a thoroughly competent committee to make the final decision.

The lists for presentation to the Book Committee are made up in this way. The librarian marks in the Publisher's Weekly, and numerous publishers' catalogues and

^{*}A special collection consisting of duplicate copies of popular books, chiefly those for which there is an eager and multitudinous, but temporary, demand. They are issued on special cards at the rate of 5 cents a volume per week. These books more than pay for themselves and thus the urgent demand for ephemeral (or untested) literature is supplied without encroaching unduly on the regular revenues of the library.

As the demand diminishes and all of these copies no longer "go" in the Collection of Duplicates, they are gradually transferred to the regular collection. The rights of the average card-holder are in no wise abridged. It would be manifestly impracticable to buy 100 or 50, or even 10, copies of every favorite of the hour. But readers who do not care to buy duplicate cards profit by the plan, since the 94 copies in the collection of duplicates lessens very much the number of competitors for the 6 copies in the regular library.

circulars, and also in the Literary World, New York Nation, and other reviews, the books which he regards as most desirable. The titles, with notes when obtainable, are cut and pasted, or copied on cards, which are submitted to the Book Committee.

PURCHASE OF BOOKS.

The titles approved by the Book Committee are turned over to the order department. The assistant in charge of this work first ascertains whether any of the books are already in the collection or among outstanding orders. She then sends the lists of different kinds of books to the proper bookseller or agent. The cards which served for presentation to the committee are now placed in a tray with cards for books previously ordered, and together they constitute the "order list," which is kept always arranged alphabetically according to the authors, so that at any moment we can ascertain whether a certain book has been ordered.

When a lot of books is received, the bills are first examined and checked to see that every book billed is received and that prices and discounts are satisfactory. Note is also taken of the edition; and books that are not up to a reasonable standard in paper and print are returned. the card corresponding to each book is taken from the order tray and inserted in the book to which it belongs. printed cards from the Library Bureau and those with publisher's weekly entries serve a further purpose by insertion in the card catalogue. Some of the other cards contain notes which are used as explained later; and others are the original recommendation slips, which go with the books to the issue department and serve as instructions to notify the persons who recommend the books of their arrival. bills (in duplicate) being checked and certified correct in each item and the total are handed to the accountant, who makes them up into vouchers for transmission to the City Auditor.

CATALOGUING OF BOOKS.

The order clerk having finished with the books, the librarian examines each to determine in what class it shall be placed, occasionally inserting a direction to notify some person or persons presumed to be interested in a line of

reading of the addition of one or more books on that subject. The books then pass into the cataloguing room, where they go through the following process:

First, they are "entered" in a large blank book (19"x14") called the "accession catalogue" or "entry ledger." Each page of this ledger contains 50 lines consecutively numbered in the manufacture of the book. The number on each line is given to the volume "entered" on that line; and the last number used shows the total number of volumes that have been added to the collection since the organization of the library. For example, the page that was used on May 27th contained the numbers 110551 to 110600 and the last volume "accessioned" on that day was on the line numbered 110559, which indicated that this book was the 110559th volume catalogued since the formation of the collection. number is stamped in two places in the book—the title page and the pocket—and serves to identify the volume. may be in the collection other books of the same author, title and imprint; but there can be no other with the same "accession number." It is absolutely identified by its place in the chronological, numerical series in the "accession" ledger." The same number is never given to another book under any circumstances.

In the entry ledger the following facts are noted regarding each book, under printed headings extending across both pages: Date of entry, accession number, author, title, volume, place of publication, publisher, date, size, class, additions classified, volumes bought, volumes given, periodicals bound, pamphlets bound, from whom obtained, publisher's price, discount, net price, binding, remarks. At the end of each month a summary is made of the month's accessions, showing how many volumes were added to the regular library and how many to the collection of duplicates; how many volumes were bought, how many given and how many were obtained by the binding of pamphlets; how many volumes were in the English language, how many German, French and other languages; and finally, how many belonged to each of the ten main classes into which the collection is divided. statistics are entered in the ledger and reported to the board at its regular monthly meetings.

On the pocket of each book, besides the "accession number," the class number and the "catch-word" are written. These serve to show the place of a book on the shelves and thus enable the runners to find it when it is called for and the shelvers to replace it in its proper position. The class number is written also on the first page.

The same number that is stamped on the pocket and title page of a book is also stamped on two cards. One of these cards is used in recording the loan of the book, as will be explained under the proper head. The other contains, besides the number, a brief designation of the book by author, title and class; and as long as the book remains in possession of the library it is represented by this card. These cards are kept in drawers arranged in classes, and in each class alphabetically according to author, in exactly the same order as the books on the shelves, and constitute the "shelf list," by means of which the "inventory" is taken and the exact contents of the collection ascertained from time to time. The accession ledger shows how many books have belonged to the library from the beginning, how each was obtained, etc.: the shelf-list shows what books are now in the collection, how many copies of a given work are on hand, etc. As books are worn out or lost from time to time the fact is noted on the cards representing these books and posted in the entry ledger, which is kept in the safe as the final evidence of the contents of the library and a complete record of the collection from the beginning. The shelf-list and the entry ledger supplement each other, one furnishing the information that the other does not contain; in one we find a book by its number; in the other by its class and name.

Besides the "book card" (or "charging card") and the shelf-list card, at least three other cards must be made for each work—one for the official author catalogue, the others for the two divisions of the public catalogue. Each of these three contains a fuller description of the book than the shelf-list. One is written with a pen, the others copied on the typewriter. The original can be properly made only by a trained cataloguer whose handwriting is as plain

as print. In the shelf-list every volume of a set is treated individually: in the catalogue a work is treated as a unit though it may be in twenty volumes. Four cards for each work is a minimum; sometimes a single volume requires twenty cards. The cataloguing of the past year's accessions involved the writing of about 60,000 cards.

After the books are thus catalogued, there still remains other work to be done before they are ready for circulation. The pockets, stamped and written as explained above, must be pasted securely to the inside of the cover; and, for each volume that circulates, a "book card" stamped with the accession number, and supplied with class number, "catch word" and title is written. This remains in the pocket when the book is on the shelf and represents the book and tells who has it when it is "out." In addition to all this the stamp of the "St. Louis Public (Free) Library," with the date, must be impressed on at least four pages of each volume. Books with plates sometimes require a hundred impressions. Then, at last, the book is ready to perform its mission.

This process of preparation, though minor details have been omitted, may seem prolonged and cumbersome; but there is not a step in it that does not contribute to the safe keeping and orderly bestowal of the books or facilitate their circulation. In the work of the catalogue department comes also the preparation of a weekly list of additions for a local paper and of the list for our *Monthly Bulletin*. Both lists are annotated, and for this the note cards before referred to are utilized.

^{*}The "catch word" is the word by which the book is found in the catalogue or on the shelves. Ordinarily it is the author; in the class of biography, where books are arranged according to subject instead of author, the catch word is the subject; while in anonymous works the first word of the title is used as the catch word.

I trust that the foregoing summary of the process of cataloguing will give greater significance to the following table:

ADDITIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1895.

ADDITIONS FOR THE TEXIC END			
	Reg.	Col. of	
CLASSES.	Library.	Duplicates.	Totals.
Philosophy	63		63
Theology			199
Social Science			815
			958
Natural Science		$\frac{\dots}{2}$	352
Art and Poetry		_	
Fiction	5,007	561	5,568
Juvenile Literature	2,760	5	2,765
Literary Miscellany	278		278
Travels and History			738
Cyclopaedias and Periodicals			332
Cyclopaedias and refrontedis			
	11,500	568	12,068
C o ==== 0===	11,500	900	12,005
Source.		2 00	
Purchase		· 568	10,650
Gift	. 1,015		1,015
Pamphlets, bound	. 44		44
Periodicals, bound			359
2 0210 01200100 100 01200			
	11,500	568	12,068
LANGUAGE.	11,500	900	1.2,000
English	11 100	568	11.736
		000	
French			77
German			239
Other	. 16		16
•	11,500		12,068
BOOKS WORN OUT, LOST AND	/		
			500
Worn out and condemned			
Lost and paid for			
Charged to readers			10
(
Total			800
Total additions			19 199
Less above			
Liess above			500
NT 1 5			44.000
Net increase			11,392

Of the 723 volumes worn out 566 were replaced by new copies; and of the 67 volumes lost and paid for, 54 were so replaced.

The chief aim of the Book Committee during the past year has been to supply the demand for popular books. Therefore nearly 7,000 out of the 12,000 volumes added were multiple copies of popular novels and books for the young. Those purchased in the greatest numbers were, for the most part, the best books in these two classes; and the figures given on a previous page furnish gratifying evidence of the steady popularity of the great works of fiction. But omitting from the count these and new books in the same line, there is left of books in other classes more than the average total of the previous five years; and it must be remembered that novels and juveniles are very cheap and that the amount

of money expended for them is not indicated by their number. While constituting nearly two-thirds of the year's additions, their cost was probably not more than one-third of the total expenditure for books. The average cost per volume of all the books purchased was 97 cents; this included many volumes published at \$4.00 or \$5.00, and a considerable number of more costly works. Among the year's purchases were 329 back volumes of periodicals needed to fill gaps in sets.

The character of the more expensive and important additions is represented by the following examples:

BARTLETT, J.—Concordance to Shakespeare. Folio.
BROCKHAUS' Konversations Lexikon. New Ed.—13 Vol.
BROWN, H. F.—John Addington Symonds. 2 Vol.
DAVIS, C. T.—Manufacture of Leather.
DOLMETSCH, H.—Ornamental Treasure. Folio.
FLUEGEL, F.—Universal English-German, and German-English Diction-

ary. 4th Ed.—3 Vol. GELIS-DIDOT, P., and LAMBERT, T.—Hotels et Maisons du Paris.

HAKLUYT, R.—Early English Voyages to America. Quarto. HALLIBURTON, W. D.—Text book of Chemical Physiology. HAMILTON, D. J.—Text book of Pathology. HARE, J. I. C.—American Constitutional Law. 2 Vol. JUNGHAENDEL, M.—Baukunst Spaniens. 2 Vol. Quarto. KUNZ, G. F.—Gems and Precious Stones. Quarto. LIBERATOR.—1852-65. 14 Vol. MACEWEN, W.—Atlas of Head Sections. Quarto. PARDOE, J.—Life of Marie de Medicis. 3 Vol. PARIS.—Salon. 1894. Folio. REMON, G.—Interieur d'apartements Moderne. Folio. ROSE, G. M.—Cyclopaedia of Biography.

TUCKERMAN, A. L.—Renaissance in Italy. Folio. ZANDER, W.—Modern Decorative Painting.

PROGRESS ON THE NEW CATALOGUE.

The foregoing figures do not, however, represent half of the cataloguing of the year. From October 1st the whole time of two of the assistant cataloguers has been devoted to the re-cataloguing begun under the former Board of Managers. From June 13th, 1894, to the end of the year, 14,377 volumes were re-catalogued. Prior to June 13th this work was suspended by the necessity of using all the available force to expedite the preparations for the change to a free library. Thus far classes 1-62, with the exception of classes 27 and 52-58 (public documents and the medical collection,) are re-catalogued, all the cards written and made available to the public. From 63 to 83 the books have

been re-catalogued but the duplicate cards have not been typewritten. In general, it may be said that the new card catalogue is at least half finished. It will be a great improvement over the present catalogue; and its completion is no less desired by the staff than by the public.

MONTHLY BULLETIN.

The publication of a *Monthly Bulletin* was begun in October. This gives in each issue a list of the additions of the preceding month, with notes on the more important books. It also contains reading lists from time to time. Thus far lists on Emerson and Holmes have been published. In March the first instalment of a fiction catalogue was printed, which when completed will be re-published in pamphlet form from the Bulletin plates. The Bulletin further serves as a medium of communication with readers. It costs the library nothing, the publisher finding his profit in its attractiveness as an advertising medium. Proof reading for the lists of new books and the fiction list has added another small item to the work of the catalogue department.

DONATIONS AND EXCHANGES.

During the year 1074 volumes and 1362 pamphlets were received as donations and exchanges. A complete list of donors will be found in an appendix. The largest single entry is 292 volumes and 26 pamphlets from the United States Department of the Interior. The citizens who have made the most substantial contributions to the collection this year are Miss L. B. Halstead, 53 volumes; Mr. Eliot C. Jewett, 133 volumes; Mr. F. N. Judson, 71 volumes, and 23 pamphlets, and Mr. E. C. Rowse, 28 volumes, all either members of ex-members of the Library Board.

Among our most valued exchanges are the State libraries of New York, Vermont and Nebraska, which are credited in the appendix with 46 volumes, 11 volumes and 32 volumes respectively, besides numerous pamphlets.

It is cause for congratulation that, through the thoughtfulness of Representative Joseph T. Tatum, a law was passed at the recent session of the Legislature requiring all State publications to be sent to this library. This is eminently wise and proper. State documents and reports of institutions are published at the people's expense and for their information; and the only way to disseminate this information is to distribute the publications to free libraries, where anybody who wishes to see them can have ready access to them. The same principle applies to United States documents, which have been sent indiscriminately to private individuals and denied to public libraries, where they would be preserved and made available to all who might seek the information they contain. All United States publications should be promptly sent to the principal libraries of the country, which should also receive the publications of their several states. The distribution should be automatic, in accordance with a general law, and independent of the action of any legislator or congressman.

The 1074 volumes and 1362 pamphlets listed in the appendix were not, in one sense, clear gifts—i. e., they were not obtained without the expenditure of some time and effort. Most of them, like those specified above, came unsolicited; others were obtained by writing for them. It is usually easy to obtain reports of organizations and institutions and the various publications of state and city officers and departments, by applying at the time of their issue: with delay comes difficulty. To systematize this work a page in a blank book provided for the purpose is given to each State and Territory in the Union and to each of the principal cities of the United States and Canada. On its page are listed all the reports and documents of each state and city with the dates of their publication. The index to this book shows not only on what page each State and city is to be found but also refers under each month to the publications that appear at that time, which (if not already received) are regularly written for. At the time this index was prepared, about two years ago, an earnest effort was made to secure the more important city and state documents from the beginning up to date. It is, however, generally the latest reports, etc., that are wanted; and these, I trust, may always in future be found on our shelves.

The greater part of our donations and exchanges consists of pamphlets. Obtaining them is the smallest part of

the work involved. The disposition of pamphlets is one of the most troublesome questions of library administration. It hardly overstates the truth to say that, in general, the trouble caused in caring for a publication and making it available is inversely proportioned to its size and value. From the account I gave under *Binding* of our treatment of pamphlets, it will be seen that it is something of a task to keep in order and available a collection of thousands of pamphlets with an annual increase of ten or fifteen hundred.

Donations and exchanges, whether volumes or pamphlets, are promptly acknowledged and recorded on cards alphabeted by the donor's name. From these it is easy to ascertain what has come from a given source and how many books and pamphlets have been received up to date. At the end of the year this record is transcribed and printed as an appendix to the annual report.

CONTENTS OF THE LIBRARY.

The inventory begun in April could not be finished in time for this report. Using last year's hastily taken inventory as a basis, the following figures furnish a close approximation to the contents of the collection. It is safe to say that the total given is under, rather than over, the actual number of volumes now in possession of the library.

CONTENTS OF THE LIBRARY, MAY 1, 1895.

Philosophy	1,151
Theology	4,517
Social Science	14,204
Natural Science	13,376
Art and Poetry	5.804
Fiction	17,324
Juvenile Literature	
Literary Miscellany	5,646
Travels and History	13 ,303
Cyclopaedias and Periodicals	9,297
	92,081
Collection of duplicates	1,461
South Branch	
-	
Total of entered books	
Books not yet catalogued (about)	
Unentered duplicates (about)	
Volumes of unbound magazines (about)	900
-	
	102,351
Less books worn out, lost, etc., since last inventory was taken	. 848
Total May 1, 1895	101,503

TAKING THE INVENTORY.

The results of the present stock-taking will appear in my next annual report; but it seems proper to add to the account of other work an explanation of the method by which the exact number of volumes in the collection and in each class is ascertained.

The "shelf-list," as already explained, consists of over 95,000 cards arranged in drawers in exactly the same order as the books on the shelves. Each book has its corresponding card bearing the same accession number, author and title. One of the drawers—say the one containing classes 1 to 4—is taken to the section of the stack where the books in those classes are shelved. Two assistants must work together. One takes the first book on the shelf in "class 1" and calls out its author, title and accession number. The other finds the corresponding card and notes its agreement in all particulars with the book. Then the book and card are stamped "95", and the next book is taken. goes on through all the classes in the collection. If all the books could be called in, the task would be comparatively simple and easy; it would consist merely in comparing and stamping 100,000 books and as many cards. But with 10,000 to 12,000 books in circulation and 1000 to 2000 coming in and going out every day, the process is much more diffi-After a class has been inventoried the shelvers are instructed not to put up any books in that class unless it is stamped. Those not stamped are set aside; and the first thing each morning the stock-takers go over them, stamping book and card. Books coming back from the bindery are treated in the same manner. They must not be shelved or issued till they have been inventoried. In a book provided for that purpose are listed at the time of their withdrawal from circulation all the books that are worn out during the year, and in another blank book the books that are lost and paid for or sold. These records are posted monthly onto the shelf-list, and the absence of the books listed is thus accounted for. This posting, if not up to date, must be completed during the taking of the inventory. But, with 2000 to 4000 volumes passing over the counter every day and 1000 books a month going to and returning from

the bindery, it is impossible, in spite of all the care that can be exercised, to "catch" every volume the first or second "round." The next step in the process is to make a list of the books in each class that have not been "accounted for." The books on these lists are then looked for on the regular shelves and among unentered duplicates, in their proper places and in all places, likely and unlikely. The missing lists are also compared with the lists of books withdrawn, lost and sold, to see if they escaped at the first examination; and finally the record of the books in circulation is searched. The missing list is thus reduced, at first, easily and rapidly, and afterwards slowly and laboriously, till there remains a list of volumes that for the time being must be reported as "unaccounted for." Some of these turn up months afterwards; and at every stock-taking books reappear that were not found at the last.

The main object of all this work is, of course, to ascertain just what and how many volumes the library has in its possession. There are besides various incidental results. In the first place, the comparison of each book with its shelf-list card leads to the discovery and correction of all sorts of minor mistakes that will creep in among the numerous details of the cataloguing work. The list of books unaccounted for furnishes the Book Committee with an authoritative guide for its work; and at the same time shows the Committee on Administration whether greater precautions are necessary for the safekeeping of the books.

BINDING.

During the year 781 volumes (periodicals and books received in paper covers) were bound for the first time at a cost of \$525.41, an average of 67 1-3 cents per volume; 2874 volumes were rebound at a cost of \$1,275.95, or 44 1-2 cents per volume. Besides these, 7427 volumes were repaired in the library. These cost for labor and material \$277.70, an average of 3 2-3 cents. The repairing occupied about three-fourths of the time of a binder's apprentice, the remainder being given to pasting in book pockets and other similar

jobs. That there is considerable work in the repairing of over 7000 volumes is readily understood: how much is involved in having 3655 volumes bound by contract is not so apparent. It seems a very simple thing, requiring scarcely any expenditure of time or thought, to have a binder call for 3000 to 4000 volumes in the course of a year and bring them back bound. But this is not all there is to it.

SENDING BOOKS TO THE BINDERY.

First,—binding for the first time. This comprises books bought in paper covers, numerous volumes of periodicals and pamphlets put together into volumes, making in all last year 781 volumes.

Pamphlets that are to be bound together must be of similar size, and it is at least highly desirable that they shall be on closely allied, if not the same, subject. Before being made up into volumes, they are kept in order in pamphlet boxes, which have class-marks on the lid to indicate the character of the pamphlets contained. When a sufficient number of pamphlets of a kind and size have accumulated, they are bound into a volume. (The volume is entered in the accession ledger just like a book; but in cataloguing, each pamphlet is treated individually, so that a volume comprising ten pamphlets would require more than thirty cards. This belongs to the cataloguing; but it seems to call for mention here).

Periodicals must be carefully collated to see if they are complete, and missing numbers must be written for. The volume is then entered as a book, and all volumes, whether books, periodicals or pamphlets, are treated as follows:—

They are first arranged into groups according to the style of binding, half morocco, full duck, etc., and in each group alphabetically. Each volume is then entered on a blank divided by vertical lines into sections headed Binder's Number, Accession Number, Author and Title, Volume Number, Class Number, Cost, Style of Binding, Remarks. Each book has the "binder's number" penciled on the first page back of the title page. A new series is begun with the first of

each library year; and the last number at any time shows how many volumes have been sent to the bindery up to that date. The binder's number is placed opposite the entry of each volume on the binder's blank and takes the place ordinarily filled by the accession number in identifying the book. These blanks thus filled out constitute the binder's bills and are returned by him with the books. A letterpress copy of them is taken, which gives the library a record of all books at the bindery. When the books come back they are checked off in the "binder's book" (the letter-press copy of the bills) and are prepared for use by the process described under cataloguing.

RE-BINDING.

The preparation and billing of new books is a simpler matter than classifying and giving directions for the rebinding of old books. This is a task that calls for knowledge, experience and judgment. The person who does the responsible work of sorting the books must consider in each case; 1st, whether the book should be condemned as not worth the cost of re-binding and no good in its present condition; or, 2d, whether, though not worth the cost of rebinding, it still has some service in it and should go back to the shelves to be worn out completely; or, 3d, whether the library binder can repair it; or, 4th, if it is to go to the bindery, whether it shall be replaced in the same cover; or, 5th, if entirely rebound, whether it shall be in cloth, or leather, or duck.

The judgment necessary for the proper performance of this work implies a knowledge of the use to which individual books are likely to be put, the wearing qualities of different kinds of binding, the limitations of the repairer's skill, the cost of replacing the book under consideration, and, in addition to other technical requirements, general good sense and that underlying conscientiousness which is the foundation of all satisfactory work—the more essential when the work is one of seemingly insignificant details.

This being done, the measuring of each volume, filling the blanks and copying them in the binder's book and checking them off when returned are simple clerical details; but they take time when the volumes, twice handled, reach into the thousands. With volumes rebound there is another little item in the process that does not pertain to new binding: the book-cards must be removed from the pockets and arranged in a tray to be taken out and replaced on the return of the books. Until recently new pockets had to be written; but the experiment is now being tried of paying the binder for removing the pockets from the old covers and replacing them on the new.

CIRCULATION.

Though the library was not opened free till June and was not under fair headway till August, the home issue is more than four times that of the previous year and nearly three times that of the years preceding. The increase from an issue of 4000 volumes in May of 1894 to more than 40,000 in March of 1895 sufficiently attests the greater usefulness of a free library. It will be observed that against this enormous increase in the circulation of books for home reading there is some loss in the issue of books for use in the library. Some of this is probably due to the greater freedom of access to reference books: most of it, however, must be attributed to the fact that many persons who did their reading at the library, because they could not afford the subscription fee, now take home the books they want to read. There has been, at the same time, a much greater gain in the issue of current periodicals in the reading-room. This, I think, comes from two sources: first, the making of the institution really a public library brings to it many who did not know that the Reading-Room had been free for twenty years; second, frequenters, who formerly read books in the Reading-Room, being able now to take books home, devote all their time while at the library to reading periodicals, thus lessening the issue of books and increasing that of periodicals.

Full details regarding the issue in all departments will be found in the following tables:

ISSUE BY MONTHS. FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1895.

	HOME ISSUE.			y sue.	e e e e			
	Main Library.	South Branch.	Station II.	Station 111.	Total.	Library Issue	Reading- Room Issue.	Total.
May June July August September October November December January February March April	4,374 9,314 18,951 24,541 23,090 27,056 30,113 32,479 34,808 33,183 39,598 37,480 314,987	581 1,044 1,300 1,243 1,222 1,441 1,428 1,430	420 512 758 680	61 72	4,374 9,895 19,995 25,841 24,333 28,278 31,554 33,907 36,658 35,183 41,807 39,601 331,426	2,832 2,526 2,680 3,301 3,126 3,063 3,830 4,483 4,207 3,550	9,001 8,236 7,624 11,691 14,517 15,774 17,003 19,573 17,012 17,549	53,973 60,061 56,678 63,563
1894-95	72,985			199	75,389	59,394		
GainLoss	242,002	11,532	2,370	133	256,037	18,766	28,478	265,749

CLASSIFIED CIRCULATION.

	Home Issue.	Per Cent.	Library Issue.	Per Cent.	Total Issue of Books.	Per Cent.
Philosophy Theology Social Science. Natural Science Art Fiction Juveniles Literary Miscellany. Geography and History. Cyclopaedias and Magazines.	1,483 1,676 4,584 7,871 8,211 196,402 82,211 7,046 17,831 4,111 331,426	2.37 2.47 59.26 24.85	751 1,469 2,978 5,454 3,649 10,267 2,503 2,874 6,082 4,601 40,628	$\begin{array}{c} 13.41 \\ 8.98 \\ 25.27 \\ 6.16 \\ 7.09 \\ 14.97 \\ 11.32 \end{array}$	13,325 11,860 206,669	5.73 42.26 15.50 4.60 10.17 6.28

An attempt at a rough classification of the current periodicals issued in the Reading-Room is presented in the following table:

CLASSIFIED READING ROOM ISSUE	ε.	
	Issue.	Per Cent.
Philosophy	156	.09
Theology	2,061	1.25
Social Science	50,515	30.54
Natural Science	22,536	13.63
Art	1.569	.95
Fiction	7,923	4.79
Juveniles	25,214	15.25
Literary Miscellany	806	49
Geography and History	54,579	33.01
Total	165,359	100.00
SUMMARIES.		
o o management	1893-4.	1894-5.
Home issue, regular library	65,418	319,440
Home issue, coll. of duplicates	9,971	11,986
Total home issue	75,389	331,426
Library issue	59,394	40,628
Total issue of books	134,783	372,054
Reading-room issue	136,881	165,359
Total issue in all depts	271,664	537,413
Total issue in all depts., 1893-4		271,664
Increase in 1894-5		265,749

The library was open every day in the year. Particulars regarding the Sunday and holiday issue, maximum, minimum and daily averages will be found below. The holiday issue justifies the policy of the board in keeping the library open, especially on those days that are not generally observed. On Washington's birthday, for example, 1280 volumes were drawn for home reading, and the total issue was 1965. The smallest record was on Christmas, with a home issue of 32 and a total of 274.

No account is kept of those who visit the Newspaper-Reading-Room on the second floor. From August 12, when the registers were put in, to April 30, less than nine months, 391,205 persons were carried up to the rooms on the sixth and seventh floors.

Largest week day issue, Saturday, March 2, 1895.	Smallest week day issue, Thursday, May 17, 1894.
Home issue 2,562	Home issue
Library issue	Library issue
Reading-room issue	Reading-room issue
reading-room issue 109	Keading-room issue 555
Total 3,548	Total 507
Largest Sunday issue, January 20, 1895.	Smallest Sunday issue, September 9, 1894.
Library issue 84	Library issue 30
Reading-room issue 384	Reading-room issue 105
Total 468	Total 135
Average Sunday issue.	Total Sunday issue.
Library issue 64	Library issue
Reading-room issue 225	Reading-room issue11,723
Total 289	Total
Average daily issue.	Average week day issue.
Home issue 1,058	Home issue 1,058
Library issue	Library issue
Reading-room issue 453	Reading-room issue 525
tteating-room issue 499	reading-room issue 525
Total 1,622	Total 1,713
HOLIDAY	ISSUE.
	Home. Library. R. Room. Total.
July Fourth	
Thanksgiving	
Christmas	
New Year	
Washington's Birthday	
The state of the s	1,500 IVE 1,500
	1,711 508 1,319 3,538
Average	342 101 264 707

CHARACTER OF THE READING.

After noting the character of the additions for the year no one will be surprised to find that there was a great increase in the ratio of fiction drawn for home reading. In my report for 1890 I called attention to the decrease of the fiction percentage in the preceding eight years from 62 per cent to 52 1-2. During the past year it rose again to 59 per cent. In view of the large influx of new readers, I expected it would go higher. It is gratifying to know from the records of this and former years that the novels issued oftenest are, in general and in the long run, the best

novels, those which the general consensus has pronounced the finest examples of imaginative prose. Each season has its passing favorite; but the great masterpieces of fiction, like Les Miserables and Vanity Fair, David Copperfield, Ivanhoe and Scarlet Letter, hold their high places year after year and decade after decade.

A careful compilation of the records for December, January and February showed that during those months the following twenty books were drawn more often than any others. They are given in the order of popularity with the number of times each was issued:

Vanity Fair	First Violin
Count of Monte Cristo523	Heavenly Twins237
Les Miserables474	Saracinesca217
Ben Hur412	At the Mercy of Tiberius213
David Copperfield358	The Fair God
Ivanhoe327	Gretchen
Wandering Jew304	Charles O'Malley
Colonel's Daughter297	Uncle Tom's Cabin
Scarlet Letter	One Summer
Trilby	Marcella131

Pressure of more important affairs prevented the continuance of this collation of statistics through the months of March and April. If these months had been included Trilby would undoubtedly have ranked much higher. It may be of interest to note the circulation of a few books in other lines as evidence of the fact that all reading is not purely for entertainment. During a period of six months Bulfinch's Age of Fable (ten copies) was issued 74 times; Mrs. Custer's Boots and Saddles, 27 times; Meadowcroft's A. B. C. of electricity, 22 times; Roe's Play and Profit in My Garden, 18 times; Kant's Critique of Pure Reason, 14 times, and George's Progress and Poverty, 12 times.

WORK OF THE ISSUE DEPARTMENT.

Every detail of library administration has one and the same aim; the activities of every one connected with it, from president to messenger boy, converge at the same point. The board determining the general policy of the institution and the apprentice pasting in labels are working towards the same end. That is to get books into the hands of the people, to offer them every facility for reading and every inducement to read, and to do this with as little expense as

is consistent with the accomplishment of what is the primary and the ultimate object of the library's existence. The end and aim of the public library is tersely and comprehensively presented by the motto of the American Library Association: "The best reading to the greatest number at the least cost."

All the details of the processes I have described have been chosen, or adapted, or invented, solely for the accomplishment of this object. If, then, the final process of issuing and receiving books is not well adapted to the end in view all of the previous work is of little avail. Next to intelligence and courtesy and activity on the part of the assistants in the issue department, the most important element of satisfactory service is a good method of issuing and receiving books and recording loans.

CHARGING SYSTEM.

The chief desiderata of a charging system are rapidty and accuracy. Statistics are a minor consideration. public cares nothing for statistics: they are only a means to an end; and the end should never be sacrificed to the means. Our charging system possesses, I think, the highest degree of speed that is consistent with accuracy and the greatest accuracy consistent with the requisite rapidity; while it furnishes all the statistics that have any constant value. Twenty-five hundred volumes having been issued in a day, nearly all in ten hours, it is evident that during the busiest part of the day as many as 250 volumes per hour were given out. It would not be difficult to go far beyond this. A book can be received and receipted for within five seconds, provided everything is all right and there is no fine to be paid. It requires nothing but stamping the reader's card. The issuing of a book takes longer, involving the writing of the reader's number and stamping the "due date" in three places, but by putting on more clerks the rate can be indefinitely increased. In the hurry of receiving 2500 books and issuing as many more in a day, mistakes can hardly be altogether avoided; but our plan prevents the possibility of controversy with readers over charges believed by them to be incorrect. The question can be settled at once by an examination of the reader's card. It is much easier to explain the system by actual illustration than by words. It is hoped that the following description will be clear, at least to those familiar with other charging systems. As stated in my last report, the plan is essentially the same as that in use for several years at Newark, which was pronounced the best of the numerous systems exhibited at the Columbian Exposition.

Each reader is given a card, which must be presented whenever a book is drawn, returned or renewed. On one side of this card is his name and a few important directions; on the other side his number and thirty spaces for charge and cancellation.

Each circulating volume has in it, while in the library, a book card, on which is written the accession number, author, title and class. When the book is out this card is in the charging tray.

To get a book for home use the applicant hands to the receiving clerk his reader's card with a list of books wanted. This list and card are given to a runner who gets the first book on the list that is in and leaves book, card and list with the issue clerk.

If a book is to be returned, it, with card and list of books wanted, is handed to the receiving clerk. The current date, *i. e.*, the date of its return, is stamped on the card, which, with the list, is given to a runner as before, and the book is issued by the issue clerk. The book that was just returned is given to the clerk at the charging tray, who takes the book-card from the tray and replaces it in the pocket of the book, which is then ready to be put back on the shelves.

When a book is issued the card-holder's number, which appears on his card, is written on the book-card and the date when the book will be due is stamped opposite. This same date is also stamped on the reader's card and on a label pasted opposite the inside cover. This last entry is necessary in order to find the book-card in the charging tray without detaining the person returning the book.

During the day the book-cards which represent the day's issue, after being counted for the report of circulation, are

arranged by authors in a tray under the date when the books will fall due.

"Collection of Duplicates" and extra books are issued in the same manner but on extra cards. These cards can be bought at the receiving desk at the following prices: Single issue, 5 cents; five issues, 25 cents; ten issues, 50 cents, and twenty-five issues, \$1.

A book can be renewed by either of three ways:

1st. If the book is brought to the library it is handed to the receiving clerk, who is told that it is to be renewed. The book-card is then looked up, and the proper charge is made by the issue clerk.

2d. If by mail, the reader's card must be sent with a memorandum of the author and title of the book and a stamped and addressed envelope for the return of the card. From these memoranda an assistant renews the book and returns the card.

3d. When the card only is brought to the library the reader's card with a slip bearing author and title of book to be renewed is handed to the receiving clerk. The new dates are stamped on the card immediately and the slip mentioned above filed until the next day, when the book is renewed with the mail requests.

This seems an elaborate and cumbrous system when set forth in words. That it is really very expeditious is shown by the fact that we have, without effort or confusion, issued 2500 volumes in a day.

NOTIFICATIONS, FINES AND PENALTIES.

A fine of two cents a day is charged on all overdue books. When a book is six days overdue a postal card is sent calling attention to the fact. On the 10th day a second notice, quoting the city ordinance covering the case, is sent under seal. If no attention is paid to this on the 15th day a messenger is sent after the book. If this does not bring a satisfactory response the guarantor is notified; and at the end of thirty days the whole matter is turned over to the City Attorney for prosecution.

The sending out of these notices adds an appreciable item to the work of the issue department, occupying the time of an assistant for about an hour and a half every day. The notices to readers sent out in the ordinary routine of the issue and registration departments reached an aggregate of 6283 for the year—3852 for books overdue; 836 for books renewed; 270 notifications of new books added; 1325 miscellaneous, relating chiefly to the registration.

The city ordinance for the protection of library property makes it a misdemeanor not to return books after notification; and it is the duty of the City Attorney "promptly to prosecute all violations of this ordinance." Thus far very few cases have called for legal action. In January, eight delinquents were reported to the City Attorney; of these five settled before going to trial; two had left the city, and the court, being unable to get a personal service, continued the cases indefinitely. In the eighth case judgment was rendered in favor of the library and a fine of five dollars and costs was assessed.

Besides these three books, seven others drawn for use in the rooms have not yet been found.

It is encouraging and doubly gratifying to note the fact that out of more than half a million books and periodicals issued only ten were not returned. This result indicates that St. Louis will confirm the experience of other cities as to the general trustworthiness of the people who use a free library.

THE LIBRARY STAFF.

The great increase in the work has necessitated a large increase in the list of employees. With the exception of the three assistant cataloguers the additions have consisted entirely of apprentices and messengers. All appointments have been made by competitive examination. The questions are adapted to the position to be filled, the examinations of messenger boys being much more elementary than that of the young women who enter as apprentices. The latter must have at least the equivalent of a first class high school education and must pass a fair examination in general history, general literature and general information, and show some knowledge of at least two foreign languages. Success in

the examination, which is competitive, secures a probationary appointment as apprentice, and subsequent advancement depends on efficiency.

I cannot close this record of the year's work without bearing hearty testimony to the efficiency and industry and general good spirit of the staff. Its work has reflected the singleness of purpose and perfect harmony of action that has characterized the Board and exemplifies the power of a common aim—and that a high one—to call forth the best that is in people and to secure from them a loyalty and faithfulness that does not pertain to the average of the world's service.

DEATH OF JANITOR HEADE.

No one in the employ of the Library was more actuated by a desire to do his whole duty than Richard Heade, who died after twenty years service as janitor. He will always be remembered by me as among the most honest, conscientious, faithful, painstaking, loyal and pure-hearted men I have ever known.

In conclusion, I beg leave to thank your honorable body for the perfect confidence you have reposed in me, to congratulate you on the successful inauguration of an enterprise fraught with incalculable good to St. Louis, and to bespeak from our citizens the appreciation that is due to your wise administration and disinterested labors.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED'K M. CRUNDEN,

Librarian.

June 8, 1895.

State of Missouri, City of St. Louis—ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a notary public within and for the city of St. Louis, Mo., appeared E. C. Rowse, personally known to me, who being duly sworn by me, stated that the statement of receipts and expenditures of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library contained in the foregoing report of the Librarian for the year ending April 30th, 1895, on account of city appropriation and other sources, is true and correct.

EDWARD C. ROWSE,

Chairman Auditing Committe Board of Directors St. Louis Public (Free) Library.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 8th day of June, 1895.

[Seal.]

WM. E. RAYNOR,

Notary Public.

My term expires Nov. 1, 1897.

State of Missouri, City of St. Louis—ss.

Before the undersigned, a notary public within and for the city of St. Louis, Mo., appeared Mr. F. M. Crunden, Librarian of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library, who is personally known to me, who, upon being by me duly sworn, stated that the foregoing report to the Board of Directors of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library is true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

FRED'K M. CRUNDEN,

Librarian.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 7th day of June, 1895.

[Seal.]

GUSTAVUS M. BAARE,

Notary Public, City of St. Louis, Mo.

My official term expires March 14th, 1897.

APPENDIX.

DONATIONS, MAY 1, 1894-APRIL 30, 1895.

1074 Volumes and 1362 Pamphlets were received as exchanges and donations from 419 sources, as follow:

Vols	Doba	Vols. I	Pahe
	Pphs.		pus.
Aguilar Free Library, N. Y	. 2	Boston, Mass., Museum of Fine	4
Alabama, Adjutant General	. 2	Arts	1
Alabama Department of Edu-	-	Boston, Mass., Public Library	1
cation	. 1	Boston, Mass., Public Schools	6
Alabama Geological Survey		Boston, Mass., Record Com-	
Amer. Forestry Association		missioners	• • •
	1	Boston, Mass., Better Dwelling	4
Amer. Institute of Homeo-		Society	$\frac{1}{3}$
pathy	1	Boston, Mass., Channing Club	ð
Amer. Laryngological Associa-	0	Boston, Mass., Provident Asso-	- 1
	2	ciation	1
Amer. Pharmaceutical Associa-	11	Bowditch, Dr. H. P., Cam-	1
Amer. Society for the Exten-	1 · · · ·	bridge, Mass	1
sion of University Teaching	. 1	Bowdoin College, Brunswick,	
Amer. Swedenborg Printing &		Me	2
Publishing Co	4	Bradlee, Caleb D., Boston	$\tilde{2}$
Amer. Unitarian Association	. 1	Brentano Publishing Co.,	_
Amherst College, Amherst,	• 1	Paris	1
Mass	. 3	Bridgeport, Conn., Public Li-	-
Andover Theological Seminary,	. 0	brary	1
Andover, Mass	. 1	British Economic Association	$\bar{2}$
	8	Brokaw, Warren E	ī
Appel, Oscar A		Brookline, Mass., Public Li-	_
Argentine Republic, Direction		brary	4
General de Correosy, Tele-		brary Brooklyn, N. Y., Brooklyn	
grafos	1	Library	1
Arkaneae Goological Survey	1	Library Brooklyn, N. Y., Supt. of	
Association of Military Sur-		Public Instruction	1
	1	Brown University, Providence.	
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Atlanta, Ga., Board of Educa-		Bryant, William M	1
tion	. 2	Buffalo, N. Y., Buffalo Library	1
Austin, Tex., Mayor	1	Buffalo, N. Y., Charity Organi-	
Babcock & Wilcox Co	3	zatior Soc	1
Baillie's Institution, Glasgow,	4	Butte City, Mont., Public Li-	
Scot.	: 1	brary 1	
Bakewell, Paul	1 9 . 1	Cadbury, Richard, Philadelphia California State Mining Bu-	1
Bangor, Me., Public Library		Camornia State Mining Bu-	0
Barnes, Arthur J	o . 1	reau	8
Beckwith, Paul		California World's Fair Com-	0
Beggs, Dr. William			
Berlin, Magistrats zu		mission	· i
Bigelow Free Public Library,		Cedar Rapids, Ia., Masonic Li-	-
Clinton, Mass	. 1	brary	1
Birmingham, Eng., Free Li-	-	brary Chicago, Ill., Historical So-	_
braries	. 1	ciety	1
Birmingham, School Board	1 .:.	Chicago, Ill., Public Library	1
Bohemian Gymnastic Assoc.,		Chicago, Ill., Public Schools 1	
Sokol, St. Louis	1	Chicago, Ill., Public Schools 1 Chicago, Ill., University of Chi-	
Boston, Mass., Board of Com-		cago	1
	$2 \dots$	Chicago, Ill., Sunset Club 1	
Boston, Mass., Board of Rail-		Chili, S. A., National Library. 1	
	1	Cincinnati, O., Public Library	6
Boston, Mass., Chamber of	1	Clerkenwell Public Library,	1
	1 . 5	London	4
Boston, Mass., Mayor		Cleveland, O., Public Library	-

Vols.	Pphs.	Vola Puba
Cobb, Hon, Seth W 7	2	Vols. Pphs. Hartford, Conn., Bureau of La-
Cobden Club, London	4	Dor Statistics 1
Coin Publishing Co., Chicago 3 Cole, H. W. Albany, N. Y 1	• • •	Hartiord, Conn., Public Li-
College of New Jargey Prince-	•••	brary
ton, N. J	•••	Seminary
Cook, Patrick F	2	Hatch, Hon. William H 2 Hazard, R., Peace Dale, R. I 2
Connecticut Historical Society	···i	Hazard, R., Peace Dale, R. I
Cornell University, Ithaca, N.		
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THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

To His Honor, Cyrus P. Walbridge, Mayor of St. Louis:

In presenting our annual report and account of our stewardship as Directors for another year of the St. Louis Public Library, we are pleased to say that the year just closed has shown convincingly to us that the Free Library is destined to become a most potent factor in the life and development of this City, as well as that of any other community which will give similar advantages to its citizens. We are more and more convinced of its importance as an educator of the masses and a perpetual school for all classes. The eagerness with which the rooms have been thronged and the rapidly increasing list of registered readers testify to the importance of having such facilities for reading and reference free to all. A proper appreciation of its advantages by a city indicates a tendency towards a better and higher order of public sentiment, which can only result in an improved government, resulting in increased prosperity.

Fully appreciating the force of this, it has been the aim of the Board to so administer this important trust that the Library shall speedily grow into the affections of the entire population of the City, that they, in the language of another, "shall wear it as the chief jewel in its crown." When this sentiment is once fully and faithfully adopted by its owners, the citizens of St. Louis, no one need fear that the Library will ever lack friends or loyal supporters. To this growing sentiment we must ever look for increased facilities and for friendly

legislation in its behalf.

We are pleased to say that the system of delivery stations which was referred to in our last annual report has proven a great success. Their number has been increased until there are now twenty-five different stations located in convenient parts of the city from which books can be obtained by readers without the cost of a trip to the Main Library. The Librarian's annual report shows how by increased use these stations have grown in favor with the patrons of the Library.

This method of serving the public also affords much relief at the Main Library, where the increased number of readers is already taxing our room and facilities to the utmost. The visitors to the Library during the last year (see Librarian's report) have been an average of nearly fifty thousand per month. When the cost is realized of carrying this great number in elevators to and from the sixth and seventh floors of the Board of Education Building, you can understand that any plans which will lessen this expense and risk, must be adopted.

Ever since the city acquired from the life members and the Public School Board the present Library, and opened it free, the Board of Directors has had constantly in mind the necessity of securing for it a permanent home, one which shall be centrally located, convenient of

access and in every way commensurate with the needs of a large and rapidly growing city like St. Louis, a city which can no longer be designated as the Future Great, but is the present great. A Library Building which will not only be a model building in every respect, but which shall at the same time be an object lesson in artistic and esthetic taste, making it an institution which would tend to build up and adorn local life.

Eligible property for this purpose has advanced so rapidly that the Directors became convinced that unless immediate action was taken it would soon be quite beyond their power, with the present limited income at their disposal, to secure an adequate site. With this in view, and after the most exhaustive investigation and comparison between the different properties offered within the limits of the territory which would be considered for this purpose, your Board secured 181 feet 4 inches on the southeast corner of 17th street and Lucas Place for the sum, in round numbers, of \$94,000.00, a purchase which has met the approval of all persons qualified to appraise the values of St. Louis real estate.

The terms upon which this purchase was made were, one-third cash

and the balance in one and two year's time.

This large investment will necessitate the most rigid economy on the part of the Board; and the book fund will doubtless most feel the stringency, for the necessary fixed charges have always been kept down to the lowest figure consistent with the demands of the public for the most efficient service.

With a suitable lot secured, the next step towards furnishing the St. Louis Public Library with a building, such as we have indicated, is to secure an increase of income, or a special building fund.

How it is to be accomplished, is the problem which now confronts the

board.

We would again most earnestly call the attention of our citizens of wealth to this opportunity for connecting their name with an institution which will shed greater lustre, be more lasting, and be of more permanent benefit to their fellow-citizens in our judgment, than a like investment in any other direction.

The situation must be met in some way. St. Louis cannot afford to have her Public Library housed in an indifferent or inconvenient

manner.

We trust our successors will be enabled to solve the problem and that the day will not be far distant when St. Louis can point with pride to her Library, which shall be in keeping with all the other institutions in this metropolis of the Mississippi Valley, and second to none of any

other city of like importance in the world.

In our last year's report, explaining the system of competitive examinations, which prevails exclusively in the appointments, as well as in promotions, this significant expression was used, "The force is consequently a careful selection of the fittest." We point with some degree of pride in confirmation of this statement to the fact that in a recent examination by the U. S. Government for cataloguers, open to and participated in by applicants from all parts of the country, to the number of 80, the St. Louis Public Library carried off the honors. Out of the 80 only five made the required percentage, and of these, three were from the St. Louis Public Library. The two standing highest on the list,

Misses Gibson and Chase, were at once summoned to Washington, and

left the Library at the close of March.

In conclusion we would say that the same devotion to the great interest intrusted to their care, the same spirit of mutual confidence and harmony, exists in each member of the Board, evidenced by careful and earnest attention to all the details involved in carrying on a work of so much importance to the future welfare of their fellow-citizens. The lack of any serious or well-founded complaints attest to the careful and painstaking efficiency of our Librarian, and of each member of the staff.

Very respectfully submitted,

OSCAR L. WHITELAW,

President.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

To the Honorable Board of Directors of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library:

I have the honor to submit herewith my annual report for the year

ending April 30, 1896.

Nominally the second, but really the first complete, year of the Free Library, it fulfills the expectations created by the record of the opening year, and gives assurance of increasing and incalculable usefulness in the future. Over 12,000 new names were registered; and the total number of cards in use at the end of the year was 31,486. The issue of books for home reading was 472,718 volumes, a gain of 141,292, or nearly 45 per cent; while the total issue was 688,942, a gain of 151,529. These figures understate the total increase, because, with free access to thousands of volumes, it is impracticable to keep an accurate record of every book consulted in the rooms.

All the statistics embodied in report and appendixes are for the year beginning with May 1, 1895, and ending with April 30, 1896, except the statement of receipts and expenditures from the City Treasury, which, in order that it may agree with the accounts of the City Auditor, is made to cover the period from May 13, 1895, to May 11, 1896.

The following table gives the balances on hand at the beginning and end of the year, and exhibits in detail the receipts and expenditures. Summarized and translated into common language, it shows that:—

The income from the City tax of one-fifth of a mill was \$62,108.15, an increase of nearly \$3,000 over the previous year.

The receipts from fines were \$2,603.28, an increase of nearly \$1,100. The total amount taken in at the issue desk was \$3,652.41, an increase of \$1,000.

The total expenditure (omitting, of course, the real estate investment) was \$49,477.13, an increase of a little more than \$1,000 over the previous year.

The amount expended for enlarging the collection and keeping the books in good condition was \$15,880, an increase of nearly \$2,000 over the previous year. This total included, in round numbers, \$9,000 for

books, \$6,000 for binding, and \$800 for periodicals.

The total expenditure for rent, light, elevator, furniture and repairs, etc., was \$10,371, against \$14,337 for the previous year. Comparing the separate items with those of last year, we find, as was foreseen, a reduction of \$2,000 in the furniture and repair account, also a large apparent reduction in the cost of light and elevator service. These, however, are chiefly due to an error in the bill for the last quarter, which prevented its being paid within the current year. But for this postponement the expenditure for light would have been \$1,677.60, a decrease of \$239, and for the elevators \$2,592, a reduction of \$334. The expenditure for elevator service comprises two items: \$1,236 for electric power against \$1,716 for the previous year, and \$1,356 for salaries against \$1,210 for the previous year. The real saving in light was caused by the substitution of Welsbach burners for electric lamps in the reading-room. There is also an anticipated reduction of \$600 in the item of printing and stationery.

This year the Collection of Duplicates does not seem to have paid for itself; but the account would be at least even if credit were given for the books transferred to the regular library. Without, however, making this allowance, the receipts from the Collection of Duplicates, for the two years, have exceeded the expenditures by \$384.*

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1896.

Dr.	### 0#4 OO		
To bal. in City. Treas. May 13, 1895	\$57,674 98 62,108 15		
Bal. in Bank Fund May 1, 1895		\$119,783 2,318	
Bal. in Contingent Fund May 1, 1895		26	
Coll. of Dup. Cards sold\$698 20	\$750 65	,	
Mag. sold	2,603 28		
Books sold, lost and paid for	154 73		
Lost cards Catalogues and bulletins	84 52 46 30		
Postals	10 38		
Old paper, etc	2 55		
Total desk receipts		\$3,652	
Rent (from property bought in January, 1896) Interest		643 107	
Total		\$126,531	
Cr.		Ψ120,001	-
By salaries		\$16,782	85
Books, Main Library Coll. of Duplicates	\$7,017 11 840 46		
Medical Collection	1,139 43		
Binding	6,091 20		
Periodicals	791 80	\$15,880	00
Building. Real estate purchased	\$41,059 37		
Rent	5,000 00		
Light	1,242 74		
Elevator Salaries Electric Power	1,019 13 889 02		
Heat, Sundays and Holidays	496 82		
Water Furniture and Repairs	149 41 801 30		
Insurance	773 50	\$51,431	29
Expense.		n /	
Advertising	\$8 48		
Delivery Stations Postage	725 75 197 16		
Printing and Stationery	1,820 53		
Sundries	423 72	@0 440	20
Supplies	266 72	\$3,442	
Total Expenditures (Including Real Estate Investment)		\$90,536	50 -
Bal. in Bank Fund May 1, 1896.		Ψου,οου	00
Cert. of dep. 1 at \$1,500.00	\$1,500 00		
Current deposit	3,500 00 881 84		
		\$5,881	
Bal. in Contingent Fund, May 1, 1896 Bal. in City Treas. May 11, 1896		30,113	23 35
		\$126,531	92

^{*} The character and purpose of this special department was fully explained in last year's report.

REGISTRATION.

The total registration up to April 30, 1895, the end of the first year, was 26,064, with 24,343 cards in use at that date.

During the past year the registration has increased to 38,421, and the cards in use to 31,486. Particulars are given in the following table:—

Names registered to April 30, 189526,064	Women
Additions for the year ending April 30, 1896.	38,421
Institutions 47	Less guarantors withdrawn 95
Men 3,198	" dead 34
Women 3,553	" left town
Children 5,559	" cards surrendered 103
	" held for fines 866
12,357	" not yet called for 5,612
Total registration to April 30,	
1896.	6,935
Institutions 47	Total cards in use April 30,
Men11,420	1896

ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY.

Though the expenditure in the book fund exceeded that of the previous year by more than \$1,500, fewer books were purchased because the greater wear and tear caused by a largely increased circulation raised the expenditure for binding from \$1,500 to \$6,000. I am confident that at least one-fourth of this amount is due to gross carelessness on the part of cardholders. If they would but realize that it is their own books they are abusing and their own money that must pay for the damage, it might lead them to exercise a reasonable amount of care, and thus swell the additions to their library by one or two thousand dollars' worth each year. A dollar spent in binding is a dollar less for new books.

The additions catalogued and placed on the shelves during the year numbered 8,449 volumes against 12,068 for the previous year. The average cost per volume of the 5,809 volumes bought was \$1.54. The purchases included some important and costly medical works and a large number of medical periodicals, about \$1,500 worth in all, also 415 volumes of important miscellaneous periodicals.

Particulars regarding subjects, source and language appear in the following table: —

ADDITIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1896.

Classes.	Reg. Library.	Coll. of Duplicates.	Totals.
Philosophy	33		33
Theology	173		173
Social Science	1,348	1	1,349
Natural Science	865		865
Art and Poetry	297		297
Fiction	2,547	223	2,770
Juvenile Literature	1,258		1,258
Literary Miscellany	699		699
Travels and History	647		647
Cyclopædias and Periodicals	358		358
	$8,\!225$	224	8,449

Source.			
Purchase	5,585	224	5,809
Gift			2,028
Pamphlets, bound	42		42
Periodicals	570		570
1 choalcais			
	8,225	224	8,449
Language.	0,220		0,110
English	7 255	224	7,479
French	307		307
German.	607		607
Other	56		56
Other			
	8,225	224	8,449
	0,220	221	0,220
BOOKS WORN OUT, LOST AND	PAID FOR	ETC.	
Worn out and condemned			984
Lost and paid for			65
Charged to card-holders —			
Main Library		18	
Ashland School		7	
Unaccounted for			
Drawn for use in Reading Room			40
Diaminion and in monaring module with the			
Total			1,089
10001		•	
Total additions			8,449
Less above			1,089
2000 40010111111111111111111111111111111			
Net increase			7,360
1100 Inot case,			,,000

Of the 984 volumes worn out, 535 were replaced by new copies; and of the 65 volumes lost and paid for, 45 were replaced.

EXCHANGES AND DONATIONS.

The records in this department show that 1063 volumes of duplicate government documents were disposed of as follows: returned to U. S. Public Document Bureau, 498, of which 38 were entered and 460 unentered; given to St. Louis Law Library, 440 volumes, of which 390 were entered and 50 unentered; exchanged with Kansas State Historical Society, 125 volumes, 90 entered and 35 unentered. The receipts from exchanges and donations numbered 1575 volumes and 2926 pamphlets. A complete list of donors, with number of volumes and pamphlets received from each, is given in an appendix.

The following gifts call for special mention: From Mr. Stephen D. Barlow, Jr., 160 volumes, 125 pamphlets; Mr. Frank Obear, 70 volumes; Mr. F. N. Judson, 94 volumes; Miss Sarah L. Bacon, 54 volumes, 135 pamphlets; Dr. George Homan, 453 medical pamphlets and periodicals; U. S. Department of the Interior, 169 volumes, 35 pamphlets; King of Siam, 39 volumes; New York State University, 38 volumes.

CONTENTS OF THE LIBRARY.

A careful inventory, taken as explained in my last report, showed that on June 21, 1895, the collection numbered 95,614 entered volumes, besides about 6,500 volumes of duplicates and of books not yet catalogued, making a total of 102,114. From that date up to the end of the year, 7137 volumes were entered, making the total of catalogued books 102,751. From this must be deducted 1089 volumes worn out, sold, lost and paid for, etc., and 518 volumes exchanged and donated,

making the total of books catalogued 101,144. To this must be added unentered duplicates and a large number of medical books and periodicals not yet catalogued, estimated at 6000 volumes, bringing up the total contents of the Library, April 30, 1896, to 107,144 volumes. Full details appear in the following tables:—

CLASSIFIED CONTENTS OF THE LIBRARY, JUNE 21, 1895.

Main Library.						Se	оптн В	RANCH.	
	Ref.	Circl.	Coll. of Dup.	Total.	Ref.	Circl.	Coll of Dup.	Total.	Total of all Entered Books.
Philosophy. Religion Social Science. Natural " Art and Poetry. Fiction. Juveniles Literary misc Geog. and Hist. Oyclopedias & Mag.	146 1983 10724 7475 1110 309 321 1438 2331 7821	2602 3905 6089 4731 17084 7376 4091 10866	5 11 818 13 9	14629 13569 5852 18211 7710 5538	7 1 11 2			42 51 57 114 68 1062 374 19 69 58	4636 14686 13683 5920 19273 8084 5557 13281
Total	33658	59168	874	93700	69	1845		1914	95614

BOOKS MISSING FROM DECEMBER 31, 1893, TO JUNE 21, 1895.

AND NOT RETURNED.	Total.		Ref.	Total.	South Br'nch	C. D.	Reg.	
1	1		1 .					
_	2		2	2				Philosophy
5	4 4	·····i	4 4 3	20 7 8		i	20 6 8	Natural " Art and poetry
8	41 18	7	34 18	$\frac{675}{221}$	2 2		673 219	FictionJuveniles
3	8 4	1	7 4	$\frac{11}{27}$			11 27	Literary Misc Geog. and Hist
19	1		1	1			1	
1			7	11			11 27	Literary Misc

UNACCOUNTED FOR.

	MAIN COLLECTION.					SOUTH BRANCH.			
	Ref.	Circl.	Col. of Dup.	Total.	Ref.	Circl.	Col. of Dup.	Total.	
Philosophy Religion Social science Natural " Art and poetry Fiction Juveniles Literary Misc Geog. and Hist. Cyclopedias & Mag	1 1 5 4 2 1 1 1	1 3 3 14 10 100 75 9 6 2	24 1	2 4 8 18 12 125 77 10 7		8 7		8 7	2 4 8 18 12 133 84 10 7
Totals	19	223	26	268		15		15	283

DUPLICATES	DISPOSED	OF.
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20122011-0-1010010, 011	
Returned to Government Entered. Unentered. Exchanged 90 35 Donated to St. Louis Law Library 390 50	Total. 498 125 440
518 545	1,063
SUMMARY.	
Total of entered books June 21, 1895	95,614 7,137
Total	1,607
Total of entered books May 1, 1896 Books not yet catalogued (about) Unentered duplicates (about) Volumes of unbound magazines (about)	101,144 3,000 2,000 1,000
Total contents of Library May 1, 1896	107,144

From the above tables it appears that of the collection of over one hundred thousand catalogued volumes all were accounted for except 283. Of these, 133 were novels and 84 juveniles, making together 217 volumes worth on an average not more than seventy-five cents apiece. Of the 283, 87 were new books. This large proportion leads inevitably to the conclusion that a very large majority of the books unaccounted for were taken from the "New Book Space," or "Browsing Corner," to which all persons have free access. Here are at all times displayed three or four hundred new books and half as many old books for readers to make selections from. It is evident that unscrupulous persons have taken advantage of the privilege thus offered to rob their fellowcitizens. It does not, however, follow that all the 283 volumes are lost. The list has been reduced from month to month since it was first made out; and frequently books turn up that were reported lost in previous inventories. It would not have been difficult to prevent the loss of at least two-thirds of these books by the abridgment of privileges, especially freedom of access to the shelves; but this would be to punish the honest for the acts of the dishonest.

BINDING.

The records in this department show that 1,312 volumes (periodicals, newspapers, pamphlets, and books received in paper covers) were bound for the first time at a cost of \$878.37, an average of $66\frac{1}{5}$ cents; that 11,835 volumes were rebound by contract at a cost of \$5,370.46, an average of $45\frac{1}{10}$ cents; and that 11,381 volumes were repaired in the Library at a cost (for material and salaries) of \$531.21, an average of $4\frac{1}{5}$ cents per volume. These repairs range from the patching or fastening of a few leaves to the complete rebinding of a book. This rebinding is done in duck or cloth and is limited to books that are subject to but little wear and tear. The monthly reports on this work are summarized as follows:—

Leaves patched, 3,259 volumes; leaves replaced, 2,261 volumes; backs replaced, 1,879 volumes; backs patched, 1,792 volumes; backs lettered, 902 volumes; new backs, 371 volumes; books sewed, 266 volumes; new covers, 651 volumes.

It is inevitable that with the growth of circulation there will be a corresponding increase in the number of books to be repaired and rebound; but, as I have already said, this item of expense can be reduced at least one-fourth by reasonable care on the part of readers.

CIRCULATION.

I have already called attention to the increase of 141,292 volumes, or nearly 45 per cent, in the home issue. Full details regarding the issue in all departments will be found in the following tables:—

ISSUE BY MONTHS FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1896.

		но	ME ISSI	UE.		sue	ne.	
	Main Library.	South Branch.	Delivery Stations	Schools.	Total.	Library	Reading- Room Issue	Total.
May June July August September October November. December January.	35,468 35,006 40,234	1,040 1,170 992 937 930 942 1,027 1,123	496 405 365 443 450 525 1,408 3,813	1,914 84 83 504 499 398 92	34,489 38,667 37,801 31,975 33,670 37,333 37,533 45,170	2,729 2,655 2,777 2,539 1,932 2,971 4,061 4,775 5,795	9,666 13,812 15,378 17,266 21,002	45,517 50,005 48,724 43,573 50,453 56,772 59,574 71,967
February	41,221 40,676 34,430	1,082	6,713 6,812		47,809 48,637 42,324	5,820 5,661 4,367	20,733 19,721 15,857	62,548
1895–96	426,499 314,987	12,683 13,936	27,619 2,503	5,917	472,718 331,426	46,082 40,628	170,142 165,359	
Gain. Loss		1,253	35,116		141,292	5,454	4,783	

CLASSIFIED CIRCULATION.

1	Home Issue.	Per Cent.	Library Issue.	Per Cent.	Total Issue of Books.	Per Cent.
Philosophy. Theology Social Science Natural " Art and Poetry Fiction. Juveniles Literary Miscellany Geography and History Cyclopedias and Magazines.	1,894 2,857 5,400 10,356 10,587 278,506 129,911 9,287 19,495 4,425	.40 .61 2.15 1.19 2.24 58.92 27.48 1.97 4.10	716 1,605 3,013 5,100 4,339 8,890 3,510 4,152 6,141 8,616	6.54 11.07 9.42	4,462 8,413 15,456 14,926 287,396 133,421 13,439 25,636	.51 .86 1.63 2.98 2.88 55.40 25 72 2.60 4.90 2.52
	472,718	100.00	46,082	100.00	518,800	100,00

Owing to the miscellaneous contents of most periodicals, an exact classification of them is impossible. Periodicals in the reading-room are roughly classed by their leading characteristics; and on this is based the following table, showing the

CLASSIFIED READING ROOM ISSUE.

	Issue.	Per Cent.		Issue.	Per Cent.
Philosophy	182	.11	Fiction	8,969	5.27
Theology	2,118	1.25	Juvenile	31,051	18.25
Social Science	48,153	28.30	Literary Misc	577	.33
Natural Science	22,322	13.12	Geog. and Hist	54,097	31.80
Art and Poetry	2,673	1.57	_		
Total				170,142	100.00

The number of issues of representative periodicals is a better indication of the general character of the reading done in the reading room.

Puck	Golden Days
Harper's Weekly8,032	St. Nicholas
Leslie's Weekly	Review of Reviews
Century	North American Review
Scientific Amer. and Supplement 4,552 Illus'td London News	Forum
Scribner's	Electrical World 893
Leslie's Monthly	Revue des deux Mondes 659 Illustrazione Italiana 668
Ueber Land und Meer2,574	Independent 572
Illustrirte Zeitung2,543	Engineering & Mining Journal 362*

DELIVERY STATIONS.

Last year's report noted the satisfactory results of the establishment of two delivery stations. In December, these were incorporated in a system of stations, twenty-two in number, reaching all sections of the city. The number has since been increased to twenty-four, and through these were circulated 40,302 volumes. It will be seen from the following table that this represents chiefly the work of the last four months of the year, and therefore gives assurance of much greater service in the future. It is to be hoped that the number of books issued through the schools will be largely multiplied; but this can be done only through the co-operation of the teacher.

DELIVERY STATION ISSUE.

Station No.	May	June.	July.	Aug	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Total.
1								74	222	247	336	298	1,177
2								137	155	225	387	339	1,243
3	75	95	125	150	159	141	171	27	84	124	155	126	1,432
4								_3	64	210	283	311	871
5								50	288	516	635	582	2,071
6	555			215	284	309	354	265	402	359	446	474	4 344
7					• • • • • •		• • • • •	36	98	122	6	43	305
8		,			• • • • • •	• • • • •		29	83	180	164	208	664
9	• • • • •							60 111	242	317	477	400	1,496
11	• • • • •								328 25	340 39	544 44	466 32	1,789
12								38	55	102	202	159	140
13								- 1	29	90	82	64	556 265
14	71	73	90	85	96	127	102	128	130	123	165	123	1,313
South Br.	1,092		1,080		841	803	840	899	993	906	1,083	959	11,370
			1,000			000	010	1	79	110	137	107	434
16								143	270	301	294	403	1,411
17								59	145	290	345	314	1,153
18		,						9	136	196	236	205	782
19								90	217	343	292	341	1.283
20								160	364	520	580	660	2,284
21								12	103	202	203	211	731
22								104	424	718	805	954	3,005
23										8	56	85	149
24	· • • • •	• • • • •									4	30	34
0-21-													40,302
Schools													5,917
Total													46,219

^{*} The issue of this is but little over one-half what it was three years ago; while nearly all the others show a substantial increase, some being almost doubled.

No record can be kept of visitors to the Newspaper Reading Room on the second floor. The elevator registers show that 585,322 persons visited the sixth and seventh floors during the year, an average of nearly 50,000 a month.

The Library was open every day in the year. The figures for Sunday and holiday issue, maximum, minimum and daily averages, will be found in the following summaries; also the issue on each of the five national holidays. Local and occasional holidays are not included, as they differ but little from ordinary days. The total holiday issue increased from 3,538 in the previous year to 5,679, and the average from 707 to 1,136.

SUMMARIES.

1894_5

1895_6

		1894-5.	1895-6.
Home issue, regular library		319,440	457,559
Home issue, coll. of duplicates	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	11,986	15,159
Total home issue		221 456	472,718
Library issue		40,628	46,082
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Total issue of books		372,054	518,800
Reading room issue	•••••	165,359	170,142
Total issue in all departments		297 419	000 010
Total issue in all departments, 1894-5		567,415	688,942 537,413
10tal issue in all departments, 1001-5	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		
Increase in 1895-6			151,529
Largest week day issue, Saturday,	Smallest week day	icena Th	medan
February 1, 1896.	October 10, 1895.	•	B)
Home issue 3,526	Home issue	• · • • • • • • • • •	706
Library issue 264	Library issue	• • • • • • • • • •	95
Reading room issue 867	Reading room is	ssue	387
TD 4.3	TT-4-1		1 100
Total	Total	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	1,188
Largest Sunday issue, Sunday, Feb-	Cmallest Cunden is	na Tuna fi	1005
ruary 12, 1896. Library issue 114	Smallest Sunday iss Library issue		
Reading room issue 500	Reading room is		
	20000122		
Total	Total		119
Total Sunday issue.	Average Sunday iss		
Library issue 3,097	Library issue	• • • • • • • • • •	65
Reading room issue13,392	Reading room is	ssue·····	257
Total16,489	Total		322
Average daily issue.	Average week day is		4022
Home issue	Home issue		. 1.510
Library issue 126	Library issue		
Reading room issue 466	Reading room i	ssue	510
Total $2,102$	Total		0.150
Total 2,102	Total		2,159
HOLIDAY	ISSUE.		
		R. Room.	Total.
July Fourth	60 48	145	253
Thanksgiving	272 118	340	730
Christmas	$\begin{array}{ccc} 43 & 49 \\ 143 & 139 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 241 \\ 481 \end{array}$	333 763
Washington's Birthday	2,523 231	846	3,600
acaragood of Dittomany			
Total	3,041 585	2,053	5,679
Average	608 117	411	1,136

CHARACTER OF THE READING.

The percentages in the table of classified circulation vary but little from those of last year. The most noticeable change in the home issue is the increase of the juveniles from 24 per cent to 27 per cent, which was to be expected as the natural result of a largely increased registration of children. Next year will probably show a still larger percentage. It must be remembered that the juvenile collection is a complete library, containing books on all subjects. It may be practicable some day to divide the issue in this department into the same classes as the issue from the general library. It is perhaps worthy of note that the percentages of social science and natural science are interchanged as compared with the previous year, the former being increased from 1.38 to 2.15 and the latter reduced from 2.37 to 1.19.

The greatest changes in the library issue are the reduction of fiction from 25 per cent to 19 per cent, and the increase of cyclopædias and magazines from 11 per cent to 18 per cent, a plain indication that the use of books within the rooms has been more for study and less for mere recreation.

POPULAR NOVELS.

Last year I presented a list of the twenty books that had been drawn most frequently during the months of December, January and February. They were, of course, all novels; but most of them were novels of a high class, five out of the first six and six out of the first ten being novels of great reputation and merit.

Our charging system makes it easy to ascertain how many times any book has been issued. As book cards have been filled they have been placed in proper order in a drawer; and from these we have found how many times (approximately) each book has been issued since the Library was made free. To make the count absolutely accurate, it would be necessary to count the entries on each book card now in use, which the amount of trouble involved renders impracticable. While the totals of issue would be largely increased through the whole list, the relative positions of the different books would probably not be materially affected. A complete list of the books that were issued upwards of a hundred times from the opening of the Library free (June, 1894) to April 30, 1895, will be found in an appendix. For the interest of the comparison I give here the ten novels that stand highest, together with the ten that led the issue for the winter months of last year and at former periods.

NOVELS OF LARGEST CIRCULATION.

March, 1888. (One month), Issue	s.	JanApr., 1890. (Four mo's), Issues
Ben Hur	87	Looking backward 210
Scarlet Letter	42	Ben Hur 148
Anna Karenina	40	Les Miserables 141
Les Miserables	37	Uncle Tom's Cabin 119
Ivanhoe	33	David Copperfield 105
Vanity Fair	31	Marble Faun 97
April Hopes	28	Ivanhoe 97
Mr. Barnes, of New York	28	Scarlet Letter 93
Uncle Tom's Cabin	27	At the Mercy of Tiberius 89
Earth Trembled	27	Count of Monte Cristo 84
		Vanity Fair 80

DecFeby., 1895. (3 mo's).	June, 1894-Apr., 1896. (23 mo's).
Vanity Fair 54	Count of Monte Cristo1896
Count of Monte Cristo 52	23 Vanity Fair1408
Les Miserables 47	74 Ben Hur1394
Ben Hur 41	12 Les Miserables1216
David Copperfield 35	Three Musketeers 944
Ivanhoe 32	27 Scarlet Letter 885
Wandering Jew 30	04 Trilby 863
Colonel's Daughter 29	Prince of India 856
Scarlet Letter 29	Colonel's Daughter 831
Trilby 26	63 St. Elmo 778

These lists, covering a period of eight years, testify to the constant popularity of the great works of fiction. Les Miserables stands among the first three or four in every list. Vanity Fair, Scarlet Letter and Ben Hur appear in all the lists. Ivanhoe and Monte Cristo are in three and David Copperfield and Uncle Tom's Cabin in two. Save one, these books have received the indorsement of generations of readers and critics and are likely to hold their high places for generations to come. Three of them, at least, belong among the books that are for all time. Well up in the extended list of the appendix are such novels as Mill on the Floss, Romola, Adam Bede, Lorna Doone, and Marble Faun, which will continue to instruct and delight future generations after the majority of readers shall have been educated above Augusta J. Evans and Mary J. Holmes, and the half-educated who now read these shall have been captivated by the new favorites of a period.

The highest issue of any one book is 2,170, which shows the number of times *Tom Sawyer* has been drawn, since June 1st, 1894. Including St. Nicholas, of which 173 volumes were in circulation, the ten juveniles that led in popularity are as follows:—

MOST POPULAR JUVENILES.

St. Nicholas2374	Under the Lilacs 98	9
Tom Sawyer2170	Little Men 98	
Little Women	Andersen's Fairy Tales 925	2
Old-fashioned Girl1250	Eight Cousins 88	
Jack Hazard1103	Rose in Bloom 878	8

MISCELLANEOUS WORK OF ISSUE AND REGISTRATION DEPART-MENTS.

NOTIFICATIONS, FINES, PENALTIES, ETC.

Some idea of the amount of miscellaneous work performed in the issue and registration departments may be obtained from an appendix, which gives a list of the various records that are kept in all departments of the Library.

Affairs that concern 30,000 people and involve separate transactions amounting to three quarters of a million, can not be properly attended to and kept in order without considerable labor — not to mention intelligence and tact. To illustrate by two of the smallest items,—during the last three months of the year (a record was not kept before that) 739 addresses of cardholders were changed and 54 notices were mailed to cardholders residing in houses reported by the Health Department for contagious diseases, directing them to deliver their books to the Health Commissioners for fumigation. The sending of the notices was the smallest part of the task. During certain periods of the year a list of houses posted was received from the Health Department every

day; and every name on these lists had to be looked up to see if any

member of the family had a library book.

A large and growing task is the rewriting of book cards and readers' cards that have been filled, the number of the former for the year being 8,745 and of the latter 5,586 for the last seven months. There were 262 notices of new books added sent to persons known, or supposed, to be interested and 516 notices of books reserved by request. There were also 455 notices on various subjects relating to the business of the issue department, making, with delinquent notices, a total of 10,519 communications, all involving more or less work

besides the writing.

The failure of readers to return books promptly causes a considerable addition to the routine work of the issue department. During the year 9,286 notices were sent for books overdue. These were, as explained in last year's report; first notices (postals), second notices (quoting city ordinance), notice (in form of a bill) presented by messenger, and notifications to guarantors. After the two notifications by mail it was necessary to send a messenger for 312 books. Of these 44 were brought back by the messenger, 258 were shortly returned by the cardholder, leaving 10 not yet returned, - i. e., at the close of the year. If these are not recovered or paid for within thirty days, the cases will be turned over to the City Attorney. As is the case always and everywhere, this extra labor is caused by a comparatively few persons. same names so frequently recur that they have become familiar to the clerk, who is sure that more than half of all the notices for books overdue are sent to less than 300 out of the 30,000 cardholders. In this instance, however, the prompt do not suffer (pecuniarily, at least) for the negligent; for the fines collected in accordance with the rules of the Library pay for the stationery, postage and extra service.

Last year's report noted the fact that out of 331,000 volumes drawn for home reading only three were not returned; and out of a total issue of over half a million books and periodicals only ten were not recovered. It was hardly to be expected that such a remarkable record could be kept up indefinitely. The figures given in computing the net growth of the collection show that out of a home issue of 472,718 volumes all but 35 were returned; and about 10 of these there is a doubt which has been credited to the cardholders, leaving only 25 certified delinquents. To these must be added five volumes issued for use in the rooms, making 40 volumes not returned out of a total issue of

nearly 700,000 books and periodicals.

Persistent effort has been made to recover the missing books. The five issued for use in the rooms, it was found, were drawn on false names or addresses. The cases of registered cardholders, after other means had proved fruitless, were turned over to the City Attorney, with the following results: 41 cases were submitted to the City Attorney; 33 were settled (chiefly out of court) in favor of the Library; one was decided against the Library; and seven are still pending.

PROGRESS AND IMPROVEMENT.

Since the ultimate object of all library activity is to put books into the hands of readers, an increase of 150,000 in the issue is the chief note of the year's progress.

The substitution of the Welsbach light for electric lamps in the read-

ing-room has thus far produced satisfactory results, furnishing a superior light at considerably less cost. The expense of the change, \$198, was paid for by the saving in light bills the first three months.

NEW CARD CATALOGUE.

As successive classes were finished, the new classified catalogue was substituted for the old. All the classes except 27 (public documents) and 52-58 (medical collection) having been completed, on May 26th the cabinets containing the author index (lacking the sections mentioned above) were transferred to the delivery room, and the old stands with their soiled and worn cards were removed. With the exceptions noted, the public now has access to a complete author and subject catalogue of the collection on typewritten cards, arranged in small removable drawers, so that one person need monopolize but few cards. The classes not yet recatalogued are represented by the remaining sections of the old catalogue.

BUILDING SITE.

The most signal event of the year was the purchase of a building site. The need of a new building is now apparent, and in a few years will become pressing. The work of a great free library cannot be carried on to the satisfaction of the public in the sixth and seventh floors of a commercial building. Moreover, the preservation of treasures that cannot be replaced, requires a separate and isolated structure that cannot be endangered by fire in adjoining buildings.

THE LIBRARY STAFF.

No additions have been made to the staff as published in the last annual report. This, however, while covering the year ending April 30, 1895, did not appear (owing to delays at the City Hall), till the latter part of December. Therefore Miss Dawson was included in the published list, though she was appointed in November, the middle of the year covered by this report. The growing skill and efficiency of the assistants has enabled us to meet the demands of a largely increased circulation with no other additions to the staff.

April 1st Misses Chase and Gibson, assistant cataloguers, resigned under circumstances that offered a measure of compensation for the loss. With Miss McCreary they had taken a civil service examination for the position of cataloguer in the Public Document Bureau at Washington. There were eighty competitors from various parts of the Union, including a considerable number in Washington City. Only five made a satisfactory percentage; three of these five were Misses Gibson, Chase and McCreary. Only two cataloguers were immediately required; and the appointments went to Misses Gibson and Chase who stood at the head of the list. The vacancies thus created have been filled by the promotion of Miss Fichtenkam to the position of assistant cataloguer and the temporary employment of Miss Aikins until the completion of the new catalogue.

I take great pleasure in repeating my commendation of last year on the intelligence, zeal and courtesy shown by the members of the staff in the performance of their respective duties.

DEATH OF HON. STEPHEN D. BARLOW.

Last summer one of the earliest and best friends of the Library went to receive from a higher source the words of approval with which his fellow-citizens had long since crowned his earthly life. Full of years and honors, admired and loved by all who knew him, Stephen D. Barlow, the first President of the St. Louis Public School Library, passed from this world, Thursday, August 8, 1895.

A special meeting of the Board was called at once and the following

memorial and resolutions were adopted:

The Board of Directors of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library, in recognition of generous public spirit and in gratitude to one of its founders, wishes to place on record a memorial of its admiration and respect for the Hon. Stephen D. Barlow, who departed this life on

Thursday, August 8, 1895.

Mr. Barlow, while a member of the legislature in 1865, obtained the charter of the Public School Library Society, and upon its organization he became its first president. Being at the same time President of the Board of Public Schools, he was able, in that capacity, to do much to foster this supplementary department of the public school system. For many years afterwards, he gave active service to the institution and up to the time of his death he evinced the liveliest satisfaction in its success and the greatest pleasure in the good it accomplished and the happiness it brought to an increasing number of his fellow-citizens.

Resolved: That this brief minute of his distinguished services to the cause of popular education in St. Louis be entered on the records of the Library and that a copy be sent to his family.

APPENDIXES.

In the list of appendixes I submit:—

I. A list of the records kept in the various departments of the Library. This supplements the account of processes given in my last report; and the two together furnish a complete exposition of the administrative methods of the Library.

II. Three lists of the books that scored the largest issue from June 1, 1895 to April 30, 1896; (a) novels, (b) juveniles, (c) miscel-

laneous.

III. A complete list of donations, including newspapers and periodicals.

PRESIDENT GILMAN ON THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The Public Library needs no defense or justification in St. Louis. Our citizens adopted it by a decided vote, and they have given it the most practical approval. It is, however, always gratifying to find reasons for the faith that is in us well set forth by a man of the highest intelligence and character. In his Socialism and the American Spirit, President Gilman, of Johns Hopkins University, writes as follows:—

"The free public library system, like every other human institution, is imperfect, but it is under the control in the United States of a body of librarians and friends of public education who are making it a val-

uable adjunct to the free school system. A very large proportion of the pupils in our public schools leave them early to engage in active life, and the American believes that the public library does well to furnish this class of persons, if no others, with the means of progress in knowledge. The public library is, in a sense, the people's university. Wherever this institution is found in a New England town, it is correctly considered by the traveler a sure sign of a higher level of general intelligence, public spirit and peace and order than prevails in most towns destitute of such a feature.

"In coping with the illiteracy and ignorance of the foreign element, in enlightening the great mass of voters as to the history and logic of the institutions under which they live, and in forming a sound and vigorous public opinion on subjects of current or enduring interest, the

free library has a great part to play in the United States.

"Here in America the public library system has the unanimous indorsement of educators and the professional classes. Only a few years' experience in a town where a public library has been established would be needed to convince the thoroughgoing individualist that its advantages far outweigh its disadvantages. It is surely an important factor in promoting the public welfare of a curious and civilized people, eager for knowledge and anxious to apply all their knowledge to the improvement of their circumstances. The free public library system has passed beyond the stage of argument in the state of the Pilgrims and the Puritans; it is deeply rooted in the social system of Massachusetts; and its good effects in promoting public intelligence, order and progress are indisputable. But whether the free public library is entirely the gift of an individual citizen or the joint result of private generosity and a municipal grant, or altogether the creation of the town or city, it is a perfectly valid institution; its logic is sound and its good results are amply and undeniably apparent. In the gradual extension of the free public library system from the larger cities into the smaller towns will, in fact, be found one of the surest guarantees of the perpetuity of the American Republic."

Respectfully submitted,

FRED'K M. CRUNDEN,

June 6, 1896.

Librarian.

STATE OF MISSOURI, CITY OF ST. LOUIS. } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a notary public within and for the City of St. Louis, Mo., appeared Edw. L. Preetorius personally known to me, who, being duly sworn by me, stated that the statement of receipts and expenditures of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library contained in the foregoing report of the Librarian for the year ending April 30, 1896, on account of City appropriation and other sources, is true and correct.

Edw. L. Preetorius,

Chairman Auditing Committee, Board of Directors St. Louis Public (Free) Library.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 8th day of June, 1896.

(Seal.)

Alfred C. F. Meyer,

Notary Public.

My term expires January 15, 1899.

STATE OF MISSOURI, CITY OF ST. LOUIS. } ss.

Before the undersigned, a notary public within and for the City of St. Louis, Mo., appeared F. M. Crunden, Librarian of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library, who is personally known to me, who, upon being by me duly sworn, stated that the foregoing report to the Board of Directors of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library is true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

F. M. CRUNDEN,

Librarian.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 8th day of June, 1896.
(Seal.)

Gustavus M. Baare,

Notary Public, City of St. Louis.

My term expires March 14, 1897.

APPENDIX NO. 1.

CLASSIFED LIST OF LIBRARY RECORDS.

This list supplements the account of processes given in the last annual report; and the two together offer an explanation in outline of the administrative methods of the Library.

ACCESSION AND ORDER DEPARTMENT.

RECOMMENDATION CARDS.—Cards of same size as catalogue cards, containing author, title, place, date, publisher, price, name and residence of person recommending; any further information about the book on the back.

When a reader wishes to recommend a book for purchase, one of these cards is handed to him to fill out. These cards with others on which have been pasted (or written) extracts from book reviews and entries from the *Publishers' Weekly*, take the course explained in my last report.

Order List.—Composed of the cards mentioned above with the addition of eards for books replaced, continuations, orders from second-hand catalogues, auction bids, etc.,—in short, every outstanding book order. Each card is stamped with name of the bookseller or agent and the date of the order. When a book is reordered from the same or another bookseller, that fact also is noted.

Order Blank.—List of books made for the dealer or agent, to whom it is sent after being duplicated in the order book. Arranged alphabetically by author. Gives author and title (place, date and publisher when known).

Order Book.—Contains letter-press copy of all orders sent out and of letters relating to orders. Indexed by dealer.

Donations and Exchanges.—Record kept on cards arranged by name of donor, containing name and address of donor, date of gift, name of book or books (unless too numerous), number of volumes and pamphlets, check mark to show that gift was acknowledged.

PUBLIC DOCUMENT BOOK. — List of state and city documents, reports of institutions, societies, etc., with dates of publication, used as explained in last report.

Withdrawn Book.—A record of all the books worn out or for any reason discarded. Arranged under date alphabetically by author. Gives accession number, author, title, volume number, class, check mark to show that shelf list card has been stamped and another to show whether it is the last copy on the shelves or not. Checked by Librarian and Assistant Librarian to show desirability of replacement and marked "Replaced" when ordered by the Book Committee. Contains also date of report to Committee and of reordering, number of volumes withdrawn, and number "Replaced." Numbered beginning with each year, the last number at any time showing the number withdrawn up to date.

Lost and Paid for Book.—Duplicates above items for books lost and paid for.

Books Sold.—Duplicates "withdrawn book" items for books sold except in regard to replacement.

These records are laid before the Book Committee at each meeting; and the first orders given are always for books whose popularity has been shown by their being worn out.

THE PROCESS OF PREPARING A NEW BOOK FOR CIRCULATION was explained in my last report. The various steps are summarized as

follows:-

1. Take card out of order list and place in book.

2. Enter source, publisher's price and discount in book.

3. Check off bill.

- 4. Classify.
- 5. Accession.
- 6. Shelf-list.
- 7. Catalogue.
- 8. Write book card and pocket, (book-plate only in the case of reference books).

9. Stamp to show Library ownership.

- 10. Paste in pocket and date slip, or book plates.
- 11. Sent to proper department.

12. Shelve.

Periodical Accession Book.—Contains list of unbound periodicals. Gives date of accession, accession number, name of periodical, month of issue, and final disposal (whether sold or bound and placed on the regular shelves).

CATALOGUING DEPARTMENT.

Accession (or Entry) Ledger.—Large folios (the one now in use being No. 13, of the series), which contain a complete history of the collection from the beginning. Before being catalogued every volume is entered in this record. On every page of the ledger are 50 lines numbered consecutively from the first line of the first ledger. The number opposite each entry shows the order of acquisition of the book; and the number of the last entry shows the total number of volumes entered since the organization of the library. The following items regarding each volume are noted:—

- 1. Date of entry.
- 2. Accession number.
- 3. Author.
- 4. Title.
- 5. Volume number.
- 6. Place of publication.
- 7. Publisher.
- 8. Date.
- 9. Size.
- 10. Class.
- 11. Additions classified (philosophy, religion, etc.).
- 12. Source classified (purchase, gift, etc.).
- 13. From whom obtained.
- 14. Publisher's price.
- 15. Remarks.

In the column headed remarks mention is made of any special feature; and if a volume is worn out, or sold, or lost and paid for, or for any other reason permanently removed from the shelves, the fact is noted oppposite its record, so that the entry ledger shows the actual state of the collection at the present time.

Official Card Catalogue. — A manuscript catalogue on cards combining entries under authors, titles of novels and juveniles and other striking titles. Items:-

- 1. Author's name (in full if obtainable without too great a loss of time).
- 2. Title.
- 3. Edition.
- 4. Portrait.
- 5. Place of publication.

- 6. Date.
- 7. Number of volumes.
- 8. Size.
- 9. Series.
- 10. Class number (in upper right hand corner).

SHELF LIST.—Card list of the books as they stand on the shelves, giving author, title, class and accession number of each volume. Used in taking the inventory, each card being stamped with date of inventory as book is found on shelves. Serves also as an index to the accession book and as a classed catalogue.

PUBLIC CARD CATALOGUE.

1. Author catalogue.

Combines entries under authors and striking titles of books not novels. Duplicates items in official catalogue.

2. Classed catalogue.

Duplicates author entries, but is arranged in classed order and alphabetically under each class. Added entries are made for books which do not properly stand in a given class, but which are so nearly allied in subject as to make a reference useful.

3. German catalogue.

An author catalogue of all German books in Library. Duplicates items in the other catalogues.

4. Fiction lists.

Novels in English, French, German, and other languages respectively arranged by title.

5. Juvenile catalogue.

Dictionary catalogue of books for the young, containing author,

title and subject, arranged in one alphabetical list.

Book Cards.—Contain accession number, author, title, volume number and class. Kept in the book pocket when book is in Library. When book is "out" the card stands in a tray with an alphabeticonumerical arrangement of issues and serves as a record of books " out."

BIBLIOGRAPHIES AND REFERENCE LISTS.—Published in Monthly Bulletin or typewritten, and hung up on bulletin board including thus far the following subjects:-

Printed.

Oliver Wendell Holmes. Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Selection of good novels (3 lists). French fiction. Selection of leading books of 1894. South Africa.

Cuba. Turkey.

Italy in the 19th century.

Henry VIII. Agamemnon.

Lear.

Typewritten.

Botany for children. Armenian question.

Venezuela and the Monroe doctrine. 100 works of fiction worth reading.

Russia. Arthurian legend.

Don Quixote. Olympian games.

Arbor day. Memorial day. MONTHLY BULLETIN. — Published monthly containing: (a) Fiction list combining authors and titles; (b) List of new books added each month; (c) Lists of books on current topics.

Pamphlet Index. - Arranged in two lists for convenience, viz., single

pamphlets and continuations (reports, etc.).

PORTRAIT INDEX (In progress).—Card list arranged under subject. Each card may contain entries of from one to six books in which portrait of the subject is found.

INDEX TO RECITATIONS.— When finished this will be a complete index

to all the recitations in the library.

It is arranged: 1, by titles; 2, by authors; 3, by subjects.

Though from its nature included in the catalogue department, all the work on it thus far has been done at odd times by assistants in the issue department.

BINDING AND REPAIR DEPARTMENT.*

BINDER'S BLANKS.—List of books sent to the binder. Contains binder's number, accession number, author, title, volume number, class, style of binding and remarks (as to color of leather, samples, etc.). Last number shows number of volumes sent up to date from beginning of current year.

BINDER'S BOOK.—Letter-press copies of binder's blanks.

BINDER'S LIST.—The "Book-cards" (See last report) of all circulating books withdrawn for rebinding arranged alphabetically by author.

REPAIR LIST. - Book cards of books being repaired in the Library,

arranged by dates and under each date by author.

REPAIR RECORD.—Showing the number of volumes baving (a) Leaves patched; (b) Leaves replaced; (c) Backs patched; (d) Books resewed; (e) Backs lettered; (f) New backs; (g) Backs replaced; (h) New covers.

CORRESPONDENCE AND MAILING DEPARTMENT.

LETTER BOOK.—Contains letter-press copies of all letters, communications, etc., sent by the Library.

LETTER FILE. — In which all letters and other communications received

by the Library are filed under name of sender.

MAILING LIST. — Names and addresses of persons to whom annual reports and other printed matter is sent. Arranged in four divisions, "inside" the city, "outside" libraries, and foreign. Alphabeted under name.

Public Document List. — Described under accession department.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE RECORDS, REPORTS, ETC.

PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES.—(a) Four blank books in which the Librarian, as secretary, records the proceedings of the Board of Directors and three standing Committees; Administration, Book and Executive.

(b) Archives filed in order in case in fire-proof vault.

Report to Book Committee.— Presented by Librarian at each meeting of the Committee, consisting of

(1) Financial statement.

Showing the amount expended for books, periodicals and binding, bills paid, bills rendered and outstanding orders.

^{*} The process of preparing books for first binding, rebinding and making them ready for the shelves was explained in the last report.

(2) Reports on the following items: —

- (a) Number of volumes withdrawn, sold, and lost and paid for, and number recommended for replacement.
 - (b) Number of volumes sent to the bindery.(c) Number of volumes repaired in the library.
- (d) Number of volumes and pamphlets received as exchanges and donations.

(e) Periodicals to be renewed, dropped or added.

(f) Books recommended for purchase by readers and by the Librarian.

LIBRARIAN'S MONTHLY REPORT (to THE BOARD).—(1) Detailed state-

ment of receipts and expenditures.

(2) Report from the catalogue department, showing the number of volumes catalogued and placed on the shelves, classified: (a) according to the character of the books (Philosophy, Theology, Art, History, etc.); (b) according to source (purchase, gift, binding of pamphlets and binding of periodicals); (c) according to language.

(3) Report from the registration department, showing: 1st, the number of men, women and children registered to date; 2d, the number of reader's cards issued); 3d, the number of cards surrendered, number canceled by death or removal and held for fines; 4th, number of

addresses changed.

(4) Report from Issue Department, showing: —

(a) Number of volumes issued for home use from regular collection, and collection of duplicates, and number issued through delivery stations.

(b) Number of books issued for use in the library.

(c) Number of periodicals given out from the reading-room desk.

(d) Number of notices of books overdue.
(e) Number of other notices to delinquents.

(f) Number of reserve postals sent.

(g) Number of persons carried up in elevators.

Monthly Report of the Book Committer, showing

(1) Number of volumes purchased.

- (2) Number of volumes and pamphlets received as exchanges and donations.
 - (3) Number of volumes bound.(4) Number of volumes repaired.

(5) Number of volumes worn out and withdrawn and lost and paid for and number replaced.

(6) Number of periodicals added.

MONTHLY REPORTS OF OTHER STANDING COMMITTEES.—Covering numerous subjects, such as Finance and Appropriations; Furniture and Repairs; Resignations, Appointments, Promotions and Salaries; Insurance; Delivery Stations, etc., etc.

Annual Reports.—(1) Schedule of estimated receipts and appropriations recommended, presented by the Executive Committee at the January meeting. (2) Report of the Board to the Mayor giving full details of the administration of the Library for the year ending April

30th.

BOOKKEEPING DEPARTMENT.

(a) Autographic Register.—All cash transactions are recorded on an autographic register. This register contains three paper rolls which

pass over a writing table. On one of these, a ruled and consecutively numbered slip, the original entry is made. By means of transferring ink pads, entries are made on the other two rolls. The original (payor's receipt) and the duplicates are thrown from the machine by the turn of a crank, the triplicate is rewound upon a spool inside the machine at the same time and cannot be tampered with, lost or mislaid. It always contains a fac-simile of every record made on the other two strips.

(b) DAY BOOK.—In this are recorded all cash receipts taken in during the day. Made up from the triplicate record in autographic register

under the following heads:--

C. D. Cards sold.
Magazines sold.

Books sold, lost and paid for.

Fines.

Books sold, lost and paid for.

Catalogues and bulletins.

Lost cards.

Reserve postals.

(c) Cash Book. -- Itemized receipts and expenditures for the month.

(d) Contingent Fund.— A separate account of the payment of small bills. Appropriation made by the Board each month.

(e) BANK FUND BOOK. - Desk receipts, etc., deposited with a local

Trust Co.

(f) BILLS PAYABLE. - Record of dates on which notes are due.

(g) Medical Fund. — Account of receipts and expenditures and of separate fund for the purchase of medical books, given by several local medical societies.

(h) Insurance Book. — List of insurance policies with name of

company, amount, premium, agent and date of expiration.

(i) Appropriation Book. — Showing amount appropriated to each fund and the amount expended up to date.

(j) ITEMIZED MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT. — Cumulative.

Showing the receipts and the expenditures for each purpose for the separate months and the total of receipts and expenditures to date, also the unexpended balance.

(k) Monthly Statement of Receipts and Expenditures. — Sum-

marized.

These two statements are submitted to the Board as a part of the Librarian's monthly report, a copy being prepared for each Director.

SUPPLY DEPARTMENT.

STOCK AND FORM BOOKS. — (a) An indexed list of all the printing and stationery, blanks, etc., used by the Library. It gives: --

1. Date of purchase.

2. Amount and quality.

3. Price.

4. From whom purchased.

(b) An indexed list of all supplies purchased for the Library. Same as foregoing.

REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT.

Borrower's Card Index.—*(a) Application cards arranged alphabetically. Cards contain applicant's name, residence and business address, date of expiration, also guarantor's name and address. Cards, with the exception of guarantor's name and address, date of expiration and number filled out by applicant.

(b) List of borrowers arranged numerically. Cards contain the same information as the Application card, but is filled out by regis-

tration clerk.

GUARANTOR'S CARD INDEX.—Alphabetical list of persons acting as sureties for card-holders. Cards contain guarantor's name and address, guarantee, date of expiration and reader's number. Except date of expiration and reader's number filled out by guarantor.

bars persons whose names are recorded there from the privileges of

Delinquent List.— List of cards held for fines, etc. Card list of all delinquents arranged alphabetically. This list always stands and

the Library until all obligations are settled.

MISCELLANEOUS RECORD, containing

Total registration. Addresses changed.

Cards surrendered. Reader's cards renewed.
Guarantors withdrawn. Duplicate cards issued, cumu-

Cardholders left town. lative.

Cardholders that have died.

CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT.

DAILY CIRCULATION RECORD.— (a) Classified list of all books issued for home use. Consists of "book-cards" of all circulating books in the hands of readers. Arranged alphabetically in trays under date book is due. Fiction and juveniles are arranged separately.

(b) Classified report of circulation made out at close of the day for

Circulation and Reference Departments.

(c) A daily record of books issued for home, library and reference use and through delivery stations, with daily, weekly, monthly and yearly totals. Made up each morning from Issue report of day before.

LIST OF DELINQUENTS .-- (a) Record of first and second delinquent

notices.

(b) Record showing books overdue for which messenger has been sent, books recovered, guarantors notified, cases transmitted to the

City Attorney, etc., arranged by dates.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES.—1. Record of cardholders reported by Board of Health for contagious diseases. From it, 1st, cardholder is notified not to return any books he may have until properly fumigated, and also that none will be issued until disease has disappeared; 2d, memorandum is made on book card so that no fine will be charged until the book is reported all right by the Health Department.

2. Number of book cards rewritten.

3. Number of notices sent for new books added, books reserved, etc.

READING ROOM.

Periodical Catalogue.—Card Index classed under the following heads: General periodicals, Medical periodicals, Newspapers, each

^{*} Different colored card is used for minors. Same as adult application card except the addition of "school attended."

class subdivided into purchases and donations. Cards contain title, description (monthly, quarterly, etc.), date of order, source, number of copies received, price.

Periodical Check List.—(a) Alphabetical list of periodicals, in

which periodicals are checked off when received.

(b) Check-list of daily newspapers.

ISSUE RECORD.— A classified daily record of periodicals issued for reading room use, with weekly, monthly, and yearly totals. Made up each morning from "call slips" of previous day.

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS.

Inventory.—A ledger in which is recorded the results of each stock-taking under the following heads: Number of volumes in each class; Total number of volumes in Main Collection, Collection of Duplicates and South Branch; Number of volumes discarded, sold, and lost and paid for, exchanged and donated, since last stock-taking; Number of volumes drawn by readers and not returned; Number of volumes unaccounted for; Number of volumes found that were unaccounted for at previous inventory; Number of errors corrected in shelf-list; Number of errors corrected in book cards and labels.

DAILY TIME REGISTER .-- Records time that each employee goes on

duty, morning, afternoon and evening.

ATTENDANCE RECORD.—Posted every quarter from the daily register. Shows the attendance (number of absences and tardinesses and time lost), of each employee from entrance upon the library service to close of last quarter.

Assignment Schedule. -- Showing who is on duty at each post during every hour in the day, also the special assignments for evenings,

Sundays and holidays. Gives also vacations and holidays.

SCRAP BOOK OF LIBRARY HISTORY.—In which are pasted newspaper notices concerning the Library and handbills, circulars, etc., issued by the Library, making an outline history of the institution.

APPENDIX NO. II.

LIST OF BOOKS ISSUED ONE HUNDRED TIMES OR MORE FROM JUNE 1, 1894, TO APRIL 30, 1896.

The following lists were compiled, as explained in the body of the report, by counting the entries on book cards that had been filled. In each copy of the books listed there is another card with more or less entries on it, some, it may be, nearly full. If all these entries could have been counted, the figures in all cases would have been larger, and doubtless many other books would have been included. The list of miscellaneous books would certainly have been enlarged. It is not likely, however, that numerous or material changes would have been made in the relative positions of the books.

The titles are grouped by hundreds, and arranged alphabetically by

author in each hundred.

NOVELS.

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Copiesi		-	
TO 0 1 1 25 1	900 &		er 500.
DumasCount of Monte	over.	BulwerLast days of Pom-	
Cristo 84	1886	peli 32	545
Three musketeers. 33	944	Collins Moonstone 25	518
HugoLes miserables 70	1216	CrawfordDr. Claudius 19	569
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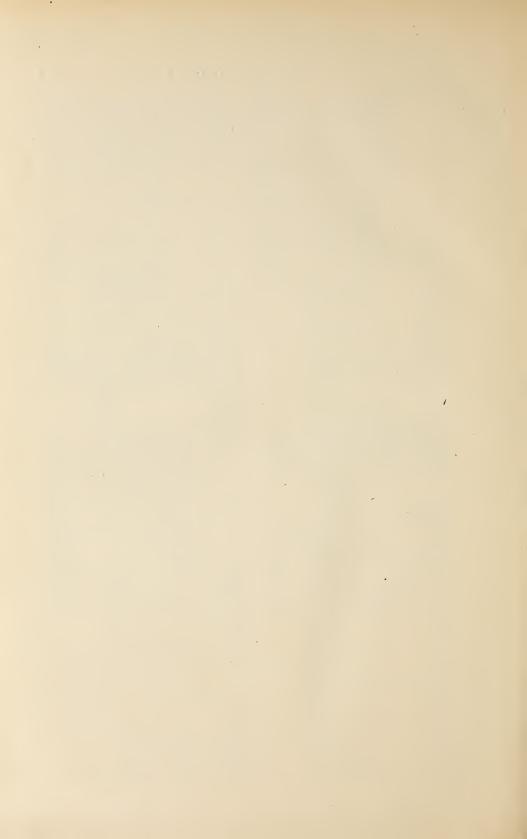
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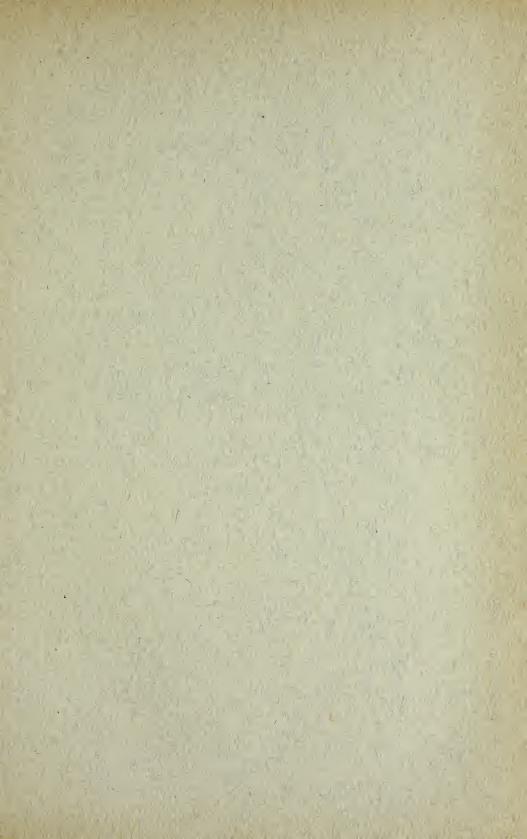
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OF THE

ST. LOUIS PUBLIC (FREE) LIBRARY

1896-97.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ST. LOUIS PUBLIC (FREE) LIBRARY.

To Hon. Henry Ziegenhein, Mayor of St. Louis:

DEAR SIR — The end of another year's service in this department of the city makes it incumbent upon the Board of Directors of the Public Library to present its annual report.

With this, and as a portion of this report, we attach the annual report to this Board of our very efficient Librarian. In addition to the usual statistics and other facts showing the rapid growth and also showing conclusively the important part the Library is playing in the progress and culture of the city, may be found the financial statement sworn to by the proper officials as required by A careful comparison of this financial statement with that of any other public library similarly situated will not be unfavorable, especially when are considered the large rental and elevator expenses, which still absorb so considerable a percentage of our current income. We do not call attention to this financial record in any spirit of boasting, but to show that our resources are in such a condition that nothing but the most rigid economy, such as has been practiced, will enable the Board to perform its necessary work and complete payments on the site selected for a future home for the Library, as set forth in the last annual report.

Early in 1896 the School Board notified the Library Board that it must have room in the Blow-School Building, which had been occupied by the Carondelet Branch library established by the Library when under the management of the Life Members and the School Board. Efforts were made in connection with public-spirited citizens of South St. Louis to continue this branch on a scale of expenses which could be justified by

the Board, but in vain. The branch was discontinued, and delivery stations substituted, much to the disappointment of the patrons of this branch, who had so long been accustomed to this great convenience.

This form of library extension is very efficient, and affords a method of increasing the usefulness of the main library many fold. Your Board hopes that some day the income at its disposal will enable it to establish branch libraries in eligible districts all over the city. A resolution has been adopted, and is on record, offering to furnish books and periodicals to any community in the city that will secure at its own expense a suitable room and custodian. For the present, however, the free delivery stations must be our only relief from the congestion of our main delivery department.

These delivery stations now number thirty, and the Librarian's statistics will show the great increase in their use and how much they are appreciated.

The importance of securing in some way a fund for the erection of a suitable library building, which would not only be a permanent home but also an edifice thoroughly equipped for its work and in every way creditable to a city of this magnitude, was fully set forth in the last annual report of the Board. How it was to be accomplished, was the problem that must be solved. As no citizen of wealth had been moved to seize this opportunity and attach his name to an everlasting monument of his devotion to his city and her future greatness, the only alternative was for the citizens to obligate themselves to pay for this much-needed building.

To do this it was necessary to obtain authority from the State legislature. A statute was prepared authorizing cities of a certain size to levy an additional tax for a period of five years for library building purposes only. The Library Law of 1885 permitted cities to tax themselves only for a permanent maintenance fund. The statute is similar in some respects to the Illinois law, and was prepared by the legal member of the Board, Mr. Arthur Lee, to whose professional services, always freely given, we are indebted for this and much other legal advice. The bill passed the Senate March 2nd and the House March 15th. In accordance with an emergency clause attached it received promptly the signature of the Governor, and became a law March 17th.

We wish here to publicly acknowledge the assistance rendered by our own Senators and Representatives and others from different parts of the State in securing the passage of this very important law. The provisions of the act required the question to be submitted to the legal voters at some regular election. The first opportunity that presented itself for such submission was at the election of April 6th last. The time was all too short to conduct a campaign of education necessary to

fully inform the voting public of the great importance of this measure to the city; but the Board decided to make the attempt, and the necessary petition was filed, which resulted in the question being submitted on the official ballot.

We take much pleasure in testifying to hearty and cordial support which the proposed slight increase in taxation received from every newspaper, without a single exception, in the city, all uniting in earnest advocacy of the measure.

The vote while gratifying in that a large majority voted in favor of the very small increase of the taxes for this purpose, yet lacked some 6,000 of the necessary two-thirds majority to make it effective. Had the seventeen thousand voters who failed to express themselves at that time realized the importance of carrying the measure at this election the result might have been different. As it is the next chance for its adoption will not be until the fall of '98. So the relief much sought for by the Board is indefinitely postponed, but the way is provided. It is hoped that before another regular election, the voting public may become so well informed in regard to the great needs of the Library that the measure, when again submitted, will be passed with ease and a beginning can be promptly made upon a convenient, commodious, permanent home for this large library.

A library, in the fourth city of this Republic, which is occupying rented quarters in the sixth and seventh floors of a mercantile building, far from being fire-proof, is hardly in keeping with the progress of the age. It is not necessary at this time to enter into any argument in favor of the free library. Its value is conceded everywhere, and its influence for good is increasing rapidly. The library, co-operating with the school and home, becomes the powerful ally of teacher and parent: Co-operating with factory or office it serves both employer and employee. Fortunate is the city that has for its librarian a man who is a moving spirit, and still more fortunate the community who, like St. Louis, has a librarian who stands in the fore front of his profession, and who, by his selection of books and advice given to readers, ever sets before the people food that will make them rational and moral. We are pleased to record that another city appreciating to the fullest extent the qualifications of our librarian made a most strenuous but unsuccessful effort to induce him to give up his work here and go to it. The inducements offered pecuniarily and otherwise were most tempting; but Mr. Crunden was constrained to remain and assist in the accomplishment of his heart's desire in his native city.

In conclusion, we would submit to your Honor the responsibility resting with you in making appointments to this Board. As the duties are arduous, without salary or any emoluments other than a consciousness

of duty faithfully done, selections should be made from such citizens as are well known, who possess a reputation for integrity and uprightness fully established in the community, and who can be induced to take this reponsibility inspired solely by civic pride, and an earnest desire to conscientiously discharge their duty in extending the greatest good to the greatest number by a wise administration of this most potent agency.

Respectfully submitted,

OSCAR L. WHITELAW,

President.

· REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

To the Honorable Board of Directors of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library:

I have the honor to submit herewith my annual report for the year ending April 30, 1897, the second complete year of the operation of the institution as a Free Library.

During this year the total registration increased from 38,421 to 51,476, and the number of cards in use from 31,486 to 41,361. The issue of books for home reading grew from 472,718 volumes to 551,059, and the total issue in all departments from 688,492 to 787,028. More than 8,000 volumes were added to the collection, which at the end of the year contained about 115,000 volumes. Before this report appears in print it will number over 120,000 volumes.

FINANCES.

The following statement shows the receipts and expenditures. The more important points are as follows:—

The revenue from the city tax of one-fifth of a mill was \$64,663.32.

The receipts from fines amounted to \$2,752.48, an increase of \$150 over the previous year; while the total desk receipts were \$3,741.31, an increase of not quite \$100 over the previous year.

During the year payments amounting to \$24,872.58 were made on the ground purchased the previous year, making \$65,931 thus far saved out of current revenues and paid towards securing a building site. Aside from this the total expenditure for the year was \$46,720.67, which is nearly \$3,000 less than the expenditure of the previous year, notwithstanding the fact explained below that this year's accounts include certain expenses properly belonging to the year before.

If the comparison with the previous year is carried into detail, there appears to be a surprising increase in three items of expense. In light there is an excess of \$300; in electric power, \$500; and in salaries of elevator conductors, \$800. This apparent increase is due to the fact that the bill for the final quarter of the previous year was presented too late for payment in that year, and therefore this year's accounts include the payment of bills for five quarters. The apparent diminution of the cost of heat on Sundays and holidays from \$496 to \$146 is accounted for by the fact that in the last report all the extra charges for Sundays and holidays, including fuel, salaries for elevator conductors and for engineers and firemen were grouped under the head of extra charges for Sundays and holidays. The two items of electric power and conductor's salaries are here placed under those headings, which accounts further for the increase in those items, as mentioned above.

The reduction of nearly \$250 in the expenditure for insurance is due to a brief period of rate-cutting which happened to cover the dates of expiration of a number of our policies.

Considering the expansion of the delivery station system, it is rather surprising that the increase of expense was only \$200.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1897. Dr.

To bal. in City Treas. Apr. 13, 1896.... \$30,802 45 64,663 32 Collections Apr. 13, 1896, to Apr. 12, 1897..... \$95,465 77 Bal. in Bank Fund Apr. 1, 1896..... 5,400 05 49 04 Bal. in Contingent Fund Apr. 1, 1896..... \$684 32 Fines 2,752 48 Books sold, lost and paid for..... 162 10Lost cards 99 65 Catalogues and bulletins..... 29 65 9 43 Postals..... Old paper, etc..... 3 38 3,741 31 Rent..... 1,879 56 Interest..... 187 72 \$106,723 45 Total....... Cr. By salaries..... \$20,126 54 \$6,809 90 Books, Main Library.... Collection of Duplicates..... 420 35 Binding 3.887 35 Periodicals.... 905 48 \$12,023 08 Building. Notes. (Payments on building site)... \$24,872 58 5,000 01 Rent Light ...
Elevator Salaries (for 5 quarters) ...
Electric power. Heat, Sundays and Holidays. ... 1,586 79 1,828 61 1,303 39 146 97 Water 138 52

	Furniture and Repairs	580	32		
	Insurance	632	60		
	·			36,089 7	9
Expense.					
	Election Expenses	\$506	75		
	Delivery Stations	933	35		
	Postage	201	95		
	Printing and Stationery	928	39		
	Sundries	550	60		
	Supplies	232	80	3,353 8	4
	expenditures (including payments made eal estate)			\$71,953 2	5

\$106,723 45

REGISTRATION.

The total registration to April 30, 1896 was 38,421, with 31,486 cards in use. During the past year the registration has increased to 51,476 and the cards in use to 41,361. Particulars are given in the following table:—

Names registered to April 30, 1896		38,421
Women	69 2,988 3,369 6,629	13,055
Total		51,476
Women 1	116 4,408 5,790 1,162	51,476
	341 45 57 531 1,200 7,941	10,115
Total number of cards in use April 30, 1897		41,361

ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY.

The past year has marked about the same growth in the collection as the year before. The table given below shows more books purchased and fewer received as gifts. The total of additions is 8,229 volumes, and the net increase 7,323 volumes. Those who took the pains to read the explanation of the process of cataloguing and preparing a book for circulation which I gave in my report for '95, will understand that there is considerable work involved in cataloguing and placing on the shelves nearly 700 volumes a month. The following tables give full details regarding classes, sources and languages:—

ADDITIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1897.

	Reg.	Coll. of	
Classes.	Library.	Duplicates.	Totals.
Philosophy	49		49
Theology	275		275
Social Science	1,053		1,053
Natural Science	793		793
Art and Poetry	267		267
Fiction	2,009	250	2,259
Juvenile Literature	2,364		2,364
Literary Miscellany	299		299
Travels and History	538		538
Cyclopaedias and Periodicals	332		332
	7,979	250	8,229

	Reg.	Coll. of	
Source.	Library.	Duplicates.	Totals.
Purchase	6,440	249	6,689
Gift	1,032	1	1,033
Pamphlets, bound	84		84
Periodicals, bound	423	••••	423
	7,979	250	8,229
Language.			
English		250	8,045
French	39	• • • •	39
German	115	• • • •	115
Spanish and Italian	30	• • • •	30
	7,979	250	8,229
350 periodicals were added to complete sets.			
BOOKS WORN OUT, LOST AND	PAID FOR	, ETC.	
Worn out and condemned			751
Destroyed in cyclone			19
Lost and paid for			81
Sold	. 		2
Charged to card-holders			
Drawn for use in Reading-room	• • • • • • • • •	2	53
m	•		
Total	• • • • • • • • • •		906
Total additions			8,229
Less above			906
Net increase		• • • • •	7,323

Of the 751 volumes worn out, 147 were damaged in the cyclone; 305 of the whole number withdrawn were replaced by new copies; and of the 81 lost and paid for 60 were replaced.

While the Library has endeavored to supply the wants of the many, the requirements of students have also received attention. Among the additions of the year are hundreds of works of great and permanent value, costing from four or five dollars up to twenty dollars each. A few titles are given below. Such purchases necessarily raise the average cost of the additions per volume, which this year was \$1.08.

IMPORTANT ADDITIONS.

ANDERSON, W. C. Dictionary of law. Q.

BAIRD, H. M. Huguenots. 2 v.

Berlioz, H. Treatise on modern instrumentation.

BLOXAM, M. H. Principles of Gothic ecclesiastical architecture. 3 v.

BLYTH, A. W. Poisons, their effects and detection.

BOEDECKER, C. F. W. Anatomy and pathology of the teeth. Q.

BOURGEOIS, E. Century of Louis XIV. F.

BOWIE, A. J. Practical treatise on hydraulic mining in California. Q.

BRUNOR, M. Practical electroplater.

BYRNE, A. T. Treatise on highway construction.

COLYER, F. Hydraulic, steam and hand power. Q.

CROCKFORD's clerical directory. 1896.

DEPEW, C. M., ed. One hundred years of American commerce. 2 v. Q.

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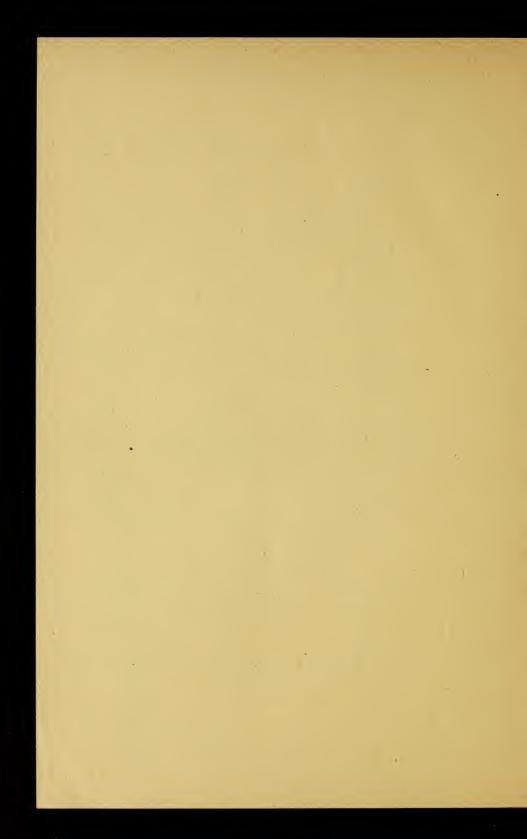
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FARMER, S. History of Detroit and Michigan. 2 v. Q.

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GOWER, Lord. Dispatches.

GROVES, C. E., and Thorp, W., eds. Chemical technology. 2 v.

HANSARD. Parliamentary debates. 66 v.

HAZLITT, W. C. History of the Venetian republic. 4 v.

HISTORY of banking in all the leading nations. 4 v. Q.

HOUSTON, E. J. Dictionary of electrical words, terms and phrases. Q,

JESUIT relations; ed. by R. G. Thwaites. v. 1-5.

JONES, L. A. Forms in conveyancing. Q.

LANG, A. Life and letters of Lockhart. 2 v.

LEA, H. C. History of auricular confession. 3 v.

MUTHER, R. History of modern painting. 3 v. F.

NANSEN, F. Farthest north. 2 v.

NATIONAL cyclopaedia of American biography. v. 6. Q.

PARSHALL, H.F., and Hobart, H. M. Armature windings of electric machines. Q.

PASTOR, L. History of the popes. 4 v.

PURCELL, E. S. Life of Cardinal Manning. 2 v.

RASHDALL, H. Universities of Europe in the middle ages. 3 v.

ROBERTS, F. S. Forty-one years in India. 2 v.

RODENBOUGH, T. F., and Haskin. Army of the U. S.

SPRAGUE, I., and others. Flowers and ferns of America. 2 v. Q.

STURGIS, R. European architecture.

TAYLOR, H. O. Ancient ideals. 2 v.

THURSTON, R. H. Manual of the steam engine. Pt. 2.

VAN RENSSELAER, Mrs. S. English cathedrals. Q.

VLADIMIR. China-Japan war.

WARNER, C. D., and others, eds. Library of the world's best literature. v. 1-8. Q.

WEGMAN, E. Water supply of the city of New York. 1658-1895. F.

WELCH, C. Modern history of the city of London. F.

WHEATON, H. History of the law of nations.

EXCHANGES AND DONATIONS.

Of the 8,229 volumes catalogued and placed on the shelves during the year, 1,033 were donations or exchanges. Some of these were received the previous year and acknowledged in my last report. The donations and exchanges of the past year amount to 1,163 volumes and 3,069 pamphlets, a complete list of which will be found in an appendix.

Among our most valued exchanges are the State Libraries of New York, Pennsylvania and Vermont. The Superintendent of Documents has taken pains to supply us with such United States documents as were under his control. Hon. Carroll D. Wright has sent to the library all the documents issued by his bureau, which are among the most valuable of government publications; and Hon. Seth W. Cobb, representative from the twelfth Missouri district, has always responded promptly and cheerfully to requests for U. S. documents. Among friends at home whose gifts call for special mention are Miss Leonora B. Halstead, Mrs. H. T. Wilcox, M. D., the Post-Dispatch, and Dr. D. R. McAnally, who, in pursuance of his plan to develop the collection given to the Library by his father, is a constant contributor.

CONTENTS OF THE LIBRARY.

Taking the inventory of 1895 as a basis and adding the books entered in each class since that date, we obtain the following table showing the

CLASSIFIED CONTENTS OF THE LIBRARY, APRIL 30, 1897.

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~:	Reg.	Coll. of	m
Classes.	Library.	Duplicates.	Totals.
Philosophy	1,273	1	1,274
Theology	5,046		5,046
Social Science	16,635	1	16,636
Natural Science	15,198	5	15,203
Art and Poetry	6,460	11	6,471
Fiction	22,580	1,272	23,852
Juvenile Literature	11,606	13	11,619
Literary Miscellany	6,514	9	6,523
Travels and History	14,386	15	14,401
Cyclopaedias and Periodicals		2	9,952
Total	109,648	1,329	110,977
SUMMARY.			
Total of entered books, April 30, 1897			110,977
(Books worn out lost and naid for etc) Sin	ce June 1,993	
Less { Books worn out, lost and paid for, etc. Entered duplicates, donated and exchang	ed. $\begin{cases} 311, \\ 21, \end{cases}$, 1895. 518	
Total of entered books May, 1897			108,466
Books not yet catalogued (about)			3,000
Unentered duplicates (about)			2,000
Volumes of unbound magazines (about)			1,000
Total contents of Library, May 1, 1897			114,466
TOTAL CONTINUE OF MIDIALY, MAY 1, 1001			111,100

BINDING.

The records in this department make a favorable comparison with those of the previous year. There were 905 volumes (periodicals, pamphlets and books received in paper covers) bound for the first time at a cost of \$589.05, an average of $63\frac{9}{10}$ cents. In volumes rebound by contract there was a reduction in number from 11,385 to 6,208 and in cost from 45_{10}^{3} cents to 41_{5}^{1} cents. The reduction in cost per volume is owing chiefly to the substitution of cloth for leather. It has been found that leather, while costing more, does not, for some classes of books, last as long as good linen or other textile fabrics. The decrease in the number of books rebound by contract is owing partly to the fact that the work of the previous year had put the collection into better condition and partly to the greater number repaired in the Library, - 13,777, costing (for material and salaries) \$712.64 or $5\frac{1}{10}$ cents per volume, as against 11,381 the previous year. The repairs range from the patching or fastening of a few leaves to the complete rebinding of a book. The rebinding is done in duck or cloth and is limited to books that are subject to but little wear and tear. The monthly reports on this work are summarized as follows:-

Leaves patched, 4141 volumes; leaves replaced, 2849 volumes; backs replaced, 2412 volumes; backs patched, 2328 volumes; new backs, 506 volumes; backs lettered, 681 volumes; books sewed, 255 volumes; new covers, 505 volumes.

CIRCULATION.

The statistics for the year show an increase of 78,341 volumes, or more than 16%, in the home issue, of 5,158, or 11%, in the use of books for reference and 14,587, or 8½%, in the reading-room issue, making a gain of 98,086, or 14%, in the total issue. The discrepancy between the recorded issue and the books really used in the reference department naturally grows greater every year. With the increasing number of students and the greater freedom given them it becomes more and more difficult to keep a count of the number of volumes consulted by them. It is safe to say the record given of books used in the reference department falls 10,000 volumes short of the real number. Full particulars regarding the issue are given in the following tables:—

ISSUE BY MONTHS FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1897.

	HOME ISSUE.				sue.	ssue.	
	Main Library.	Delivery Stations.	Sunday Schools & Social Settle- ments.	Total.	Library Isst	Reading Room Iss	Total.
May	30527	5784		36311	3747	12606	52664
June	32666	4737		37403	2995	14190	54588
July	33681	5134		38815	3113	10071	51999
August	34858	4551		39409	2835	9750	51994
September	. 31416	4526		35942	2913	13200	52055
October	33543	5850		39393	4196	16234	59823
November	36566	8029	257	44852	5107	16327	66286
December	38822	10657	1052	50531	4860	17483	72874
January	41729	10978	1730	54437	5;10	18440	78187
February	41408	11744	2491	55643	4877	19409	79929
March	44641	14258	3137	62036	5584	21185	88805
April	39733	13668	2886	56287	5703	15834	77824
1896–97	439590	99916	11553	551059	51240	184729	787028
1895-96	426499	40302	5917	472718	46082	170142	688942
Gain	13091	59614	5636	78341	5158	14587	98086

CLASSIFIED CIRCULATION.

	Home Issue.	Per Cent.	Library Issue.	Per Cent.	Total Issue of Books.	Per Cent.
Philosophy. Theology. Social Science Natural Science Art and Poetry. Fiction. Juvenile Literary Miscellany. Geography and History Cyclopaedias and Magazines	2424 3742 9028 14322 13483 321023 144354 11999 24826 5858 551059	.44 .68 1.64 2.60 2.45 58 25 26 20 2.18 4.50 1.06	685 1693 5541 5215 5323 9319 3302 4169 6454 9539	1.33 3.30 10 82 10 18 10 39 18 19 6.44 8 14 12.60 18 61	5435 14569 19537 18806 330342 147656 16168 31280 15397	.52 .90 2 42 3 24 3 .12 54 .55 24 .52 2 .68 5 19 2 .56

Owing to the miscellaneous contents of most periodicals, an exact classification of them is impossible. Periodicals in the reading-room are roughly

classed by their leading characteristics; and on this is based the following table, showing the

CLASSIFIED READING-ROOM ISSUE.

Issue.	Per Cent.	Issue.	Per Cent.
Philosophy 383	.21	Fiction10085	5.43
Religion 2537	1.37	Juvenile38439	20.81
Social Science 49956	27.05	Literary Misc 646	.35
Natural Science25615	13.87	Geog. and Hist53924	29.20
Art and Poetry 3144	1.71		
Total		184729	100.00

DELIVERY STATIONS.

The extension of the delivery station system has produced results none the less gratifying because predicted. The number of stations has increased from 24 to 30; the circulation through them from 40,302 volumes to 111,469 volumes, or from less than 10 per cent to more than 20 per cent of the entire home issue. The detailed statement of the monthly issue from each station is given below:—

DELIVERY STATION ISSUE.

Station No.	Мау.	June	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Total.
1	214	25	17	130	112	210	407	589	523	473	546	488	3,734
2	223	335	319	287	241	332	487	482	429	488		484	4,649
3	102	120	135	149	106	132	181	275	271	285		372	2,489
4	220	217	234	184	139	187	273	296	217	271	327	265	2,830
5	495	488	459	467	333	392	522	596	489	497	551	476	5,759
6	376	362	292	228	265	297	402	517	537	570	589	592	5,027
7	44	40	34	51	31	45	299	879	754	875	990	814	4,856
8	250	223	220 22	211 59	225 92	213 119	250 115	298 111	380 123	434 130	550	527	3,781
9	332 369	40	108	177	185	282	401	372	389	385	119 444	103 466	1,325 3,618
11	26	6	100	111	100	326	323	396	358	373	377	434	2,619
12	116	107	103	96	76	78	125	167	177	175	163	202	1,585
13	51	49	35	32	48	169	179	200	200	226	244	235	1,668
14	129	102	82	85	61	100	50	323	545	631	818	834	3,660
15	85	70	41	46	39	59	184	343	240	310	317	256	1,990
16	328	245	278	239	243	284	316	385	495	513	628	558	4,512
17	285	281	309	* 381	351	432	393	412	478	455	537	409	4,723
18	166	195	235	242	221	246	324	371	387	339	472	405	3,603
19	251	3	47	19		123	274	410	438	461	573	417	3,016
20	517	639	692	676	616	606	847	902	872	861	1,016	811	9,055
21	225	218	224	198	177	173	217	288	366	378	426	445	3,335
22	890	849	968	221	487	568	826	914	911	920	1,145	935	9,634
23	71	26	32	31	36	39	93	155	141	121	269	522	1,536
24	19	22	26	49	24	21	17	7.7	FO1	*****			185
25		75	222	290	398 20	470 47	464 60	545 77	581 100	626 131	848 138	964 140	5,483 716
26	• • • • • •		• • • • • •	3	20	41	60	89	193	212	250	322	1,066
28								225	209	200	177	231	1,000
29							• • • • •	33	175	275	418	439	1,340
30								00	110	129	423	528	1,080
00			• • • • •										
Total	5,784		5,134		4,526				10,978	11,744	14,258	13,668	99,916
Sunday	school	ls and	social	settle	ement	3						• • • • • [11,553
Total													111,469

No record can be kept of visitors to the Newspaper Reading Room on the second floor. The elevator registers show that 612,760 persons visited the sixth and seventh floors during the year, an average of nearly 51,064 a month.

The Library was open every day in the year. The figures for Sunday and holiday issue, maximum, minimum and daily averages, will be found in the following summaries; also the issue on each of the five national holidays. Local and occasional holidays are not included, as they differ but little from ordinary days. The total holiday issue increased from 5,679 n the previous year to 11,281, and the average from 1,136 to 1,410.

SUMMA	RIES.		
		1895-6.	1896-7.
Home issue, regular library Home issue, coll. of duplicates		457,559 15,159	537,583 13,476
Home issue, con. of duplicates	•••••••		
Total home issue		472,718	551,059
			472,718
Gain in home issue			78,341
Library issue		46,082	51,240
·			46,082
Gain in Library issue			5,158
Total issue of all books		518,800	602,299
Reading-room issue		170,142	184,729
Mataliana in all departments		000 010	707.000
Total issue in all departments		688,942	787,028 688,942
Gain in 1896–7			98,086
Largest week day issue, Saturday,	Smallest week day iss	sue, May 2	8, 1896;
March 6, 1897.	day after tornado.	, ,	, ,
Home issue 3,466	Home issue		
Library issue	Library issue		
Reading-room issue 963	Reading room is	sue	. 103
Total 4,573	Total	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	. 889
Largest Sunday issue, February 21, 1897.	Smallest Sunday : 1896.	issue, Ju	ine 10,
Library issue 75	Library issue		. 26
Reading-room issue 437	Reading-room iss	sue	. 103
Total 512	Total		. 129
Total Sunday issue.	Average Sunday issu	e.	
Library issue 2,963	Library issue		
Reading-room issue 13,025	Reading-room is:	sue	. 548
Total15,988	Total	• • • • • • • • • •	. 606
Average daily issue.	Average week day is	sue.	
Home issue 1,772	Home issue		
Library issue	Library issue		
Reading-room issue 507	Reading-room is	sue	548
Total 2,419	Total		2,474
HOLIDAY	ISSUE.		
	Home. Library.	RRoom.	Total.
Decoration Day		384	1,740
July Fourth Labor Day		$\frac{168}{460}$	323
Election Day		565	1,942 $1,802$
Thanksgiving	542 78	301	921
Christmas		171	244
New Year		$\frac{356}{838}$	759 3,550
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Total	,	3,243	11,281
Average	894 111	405	1,410

MISCELLANEOUS WORK OF ISSUE AND REGISTRATION DEPART-MENTS.

In my last two annual reports I have tried to explain the methods and processes by which the administration of the Library in its various departments is carried on and to make clear to the uninitiated that handing two or three thousand books over the counter and receiving the same number each day is not all there is in the work of a large library. Small things are sometimes more significant than great ones. The large labors of the issue and registration departments may be judged from a few minor items that would ordinarily escape attention. The records show that during the year the addresses of 3,571 persons had to be changed; 13,270 new issue cards were made out to replace cards that had been filled; 10,660 notices were sent for books overdue; 18,148 new book cards were written to replace those filled; 1,728 notices were sent to persons who left their cards on the counter or dropped them on the floor. After sending two notices by mail it was necessary to send a messenger for 589 books. Of these the messenger brought back 112: 373 were shortly returned by the cardholders: 104 had not been returned when the record for the year was closed: the return of 51 of these was promised: 53 were entered as in all probability lost. Of these last, 2 were issued for use in the reading-room. A majority of them were drawn by children on the guaranty of their fathers, who cannot be found. In the other cases both principal and guarantor cannot be traced and have presumably left the city.

Notices to the number of 85 were sent to houses having contagious diseases directing the family to turn over library books to the Health Commissioner for fumigation or destruction. In such cases no fine is charged for detention or loss of books.

The tornado that swept across the city May 27, 1896, caused a loss of 19 books and the practical destruction of 147 others.

After sending three notices (one by messenger) to persons failing to return books overdue and after further notifying the guarantor, at the end of thirty days the case is turned over to the City Attorney. During the year 7 such cases were reported. Of these, 5 were settled without trial by return of the book or payment of its value together with fines and costs: in one case judgment was given for the Library, and in the remaining instance the case was continued and was not settled at the close of the library year.

The home issue was upwards of 551,000 volumes. Of these 51 volumes were not returned and are counted as lost. This makes the percentage of loss on the books given out for reading at home less than $^{1}/_{100}$ of one per cent.

PROGRESS AND IMPROVEMENT.

The general growth and progress of the institution is best shown by a gain of 78,341 in the home issue, and of 98,086 in the total issue for the year. A large contributing factor in this increased use of the Library was the extension of the delivery station system.

The only new enterprise undertaken was the publication of the St. Louis Public Library Magazine. This is a continuation, but on a much larger scale and with a higher standard, of the Bulletin. Its purpose is the same; viz., to serve as a medium of communication between the Library and the public, to furnish readers with lists of the books added to the collection from month to

month, and to publish the class lists of the books in the Library and lists of books on topics of current interest. The first number appeared in the last month of the year for which this report is made. It is, therefore, too soon to estimate what measure of appreciation it will meet with. Impartial judges pronounced it the handsomest organ ever issued by a public library.

There have been few changes in the staff. It now includes only two assistant cataloguers instead of three as before, the appointment of Miss Mabel Marvin and the promotion of Miss Fichtenkam having filled two out of the three vacancies created by the resignations of Misses Chase and Gibson (as noted in the last report) and that of Miss McCreary which took effect December 1st, 1896. Geo. Krag, a messenger left in September to return to school; his place was filled by Edward Kempfer. One of the apprentices, Miss Dawson, also left to return to school. To supply the deficiencies thus created and to provide for the constant growth of the work, Lester Bernd and Misses Clara Dean, Jessie Gilmore and Lenore Kledus were appointed apprentices and Arthur Widdicombe, Edward Phillipi and James Hackett, messengers. In each case the appointment was made on results of a written examination designed to test the applicant's intelligence, education and general information. The staff numbers three more persons than it did at the close of the previous year, the increase being in the grades of apprentices and messengers. The rapid growth of the delivery station work made the service of another person necessary; and Russell Steel received the well-deserved promotion to the position of assistant in that department.

I can only repeat, and I take pleasure in doing so, my hearty commendation of the work of the staff, which has been characterized by intelligence, zeal and a belief in the high mission of the Library.

SHALL ST. LOUIS CONTINUE IN THE REAR?

The magnificent new building of the Boston Public Library completed two years ago called forth universal admiration. For months it furnished the daily press and the illustrated periodicals throughout the Union with a theme for glorification; and it has now passed into common knowledge and taken its place among the monuments of civilization that reflect honor on the whole country and especially on the city that had the liberality and the wisdom to erect it.

The Chicago Public Library will soon take possession of a building which its citizens claim to be even superior to the Boston edifice. Both of these buildings occupy suitable and commanding sites. They are built for the future as well as the present. They symbolize now and will represent to later generations the highest ideal realized by mankind in the nineteenth century. They make proclamation that spiritual treasures,—the joys of knowledge, the delights of the imagination, the uplifting of the soul through contact with noble thoughts—are freely accessible to all the inhabitants of those cities, to the poor as well as to the rich. Within their walls are gathered the records and results of all human effort through all the ages; from out their doors come the mightiest influences known to men, the power of heroic example made vivid and luminous by the pen of genius,—the power of thought, "the true thaumaturgic virtue by which man works all things whatsoever."

The metropolis of the country has just waked up to its duty in this matter and has appropriated two and a half million dollars for the erection of a public library building in a block of ground 482 feet long by 455 feet wide. But it is not only the great cities of the Union but also cities much inferior in wealth and population that are thus outstripping St. Louis. Milwaukee has just completed a beautiful structure costing about half a million dollars: Minneapolis has had a fine building for some eight years past: Indianapolis dedicated its new library four years ago: Newark is about to put up a new building for its public library: Detroit has a large library well located: Cleveland has several pretty branch library buildings and is about to provide a suitable home for its central library; our little neighbors Peoria and East St. Louis have fine new buildings; while hundreds of small towns might be mentioned that have tasteful and substantial buildings entirely adequate to the wants of their respective communities.

Our library cannot do the work it ought to do for the city until it has larger and more convenient quarters; and it cannot be considered safe from fire until it is housed in a building devoted exclusively to library purposes and isolated from all other buildings. Will St. Louis, in this important feature of civic life, be content to remain in the rear? Will our citizens allow this institution, which can be made the most potent factor of popular education and therefore of municipal progress, to be cramped for want of room and crippled for want of facilities to do its work? The answer I trust will be a decided affirmative vote at the next submission of the question of erecting a library building.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK M. CRUNDEN,

Librarian.

STATE OF MISSOURI, CITY OF ST. LOUIS. Ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a notary public within and for the city of St. Louis, Mo., appeared Edw. L. Preetorius personally known to me, who, being duly sworn by me, stated that the statement of receipts and expenditures of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library contained in the foregoing report of the Librarian for the year ending April 30, 1897, on account of City appropriation and other sources, is true and correct.

EDW. L. PREETORIUS,

Chairman Auditing Committee, Board of Directors St. Louis Public (Free) Library.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 2nd day of October, 1897.
(Seal.)

Alfred C. F. Meyer,

Notary Public.

My term expires January 15, 1899.

STATE OF MISSOURI, CITY OF ST. LOUIS.

Before the undersigned, a notary public within and for the city of St. Louis, Mo., appeared F. M. Crunden, Librarian of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library, who is personally known to me, who, upon being by me duly sworn, stated that the foregoing report of the Board of Directors of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library is true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

FRED'K M. CRUNDEN,

Librarian.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 15th day October, 1897. (Seal.)

JOHN

JOHN E. LOVE,

Notary Public, City of St. Louis.

My term expires June 19th, 1899.

APPENDIX NO. 1.

LIST OF THE MOST POPULAR BOOKS.

BOOKS OF LARGE	ST CIRCULATION.
St. Nicholas	Jo's boys
Little women 2346 Tom Sawyer 2092 Count of Monte Cristo 2034	Under the lilacs 1727 Eight cousins 1622
Tom Sawyer	Jack and Jill
Little men	Les miserables
Elita Moli	and miscianion
NOVELS OF LARG	EST CIRCULATION.
Count of Monto Chieto	Inez 1016
Count of Monte Cristo	Inez
Mr. Isaacs1424	Darkness and daylight
He fell in love with his wife	Colonel's daughter 997
Wandering Jew1309	Barriers burned away 990
Three musketeers. 1277 Uncle Tom's cabin 1270	St. Elmo
Madeline (Holmes)	At the mercy of Tiberius 979
Margnarita (Holmas) 1961	Gretchen 975
Roman singer 1219	Prince of India 959
David Copperfield	Woman in white 954
Lorna Doone	Cousin Maude937Saracinesca905Cameron pride904
Mildred (Holmes) 1193	Camaran prida
Bow of orange ribbon	Cameron pride
DOW OF GRANGE TRANSPORTER	
NOVELS ISSUED 90	0 TIMES AND OVER.
BarrBow of orange ribbon1029	HolmesMildred1123
BlackmoreLorna Doone	Hugo1507
Collins 954	King, Coloner's daughter 397
CrawfordMr. Isaacs	Roe
Roman singer1219	He fell in love with his
Dickens David Copperfield 1200	wife
Dumas Count of Monte Cristo2034	SueWandering Jew1300
Saracinesca 905	Sue Wandering Jew 1300 Wallace Prince of India 959
Holmes Cameron pride 904	Wilson Althe mercy of Thering 979
Cousin Maude 937	Beulah 1158 Inez 1016 Macaria 985
Darkness and daylight1000 Gretchen975	Macaria 085
Madeline	St. Elmo 988
Marguerite	Vashti
BETWEEN 600	AND 800 TIMES.
BulwerLast days of Pompeii 694 BurnhamNext door 639	HolmesQueenie Hetherton
No gentleman 619	Tempest and sunshine 604
Collins Moonstone. 723 Crawford Don Orsino. 600	West Lawn 807
CrawfordDon Orsino 600	MarlittOld Mam'selle's secret 655
Katherine Lauderdale 645	Owl's nest
Dumas Vicomte de Bragelonno 748	Second wife
Doyle White company 686 Dumas Vicomte de Bragelonne 748 DuMaurier Trilby 823 Eliot Daniel Deronda 697	Porter
EliotDaniel Deronda 697	burr 788
Holmes Bessle's fortune 830	What can she do? 648
Daisy Thornton. 840 English orphans. 655 Forrest House. 612	Thackeray Henry Esmond. 725 Virginians 629
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	BETWEEN 400	AND 500 TIMES.	
Bulwer	Rienzi	Holmes, M. J. Dr. Hathern's daughters. 40 Holmes, O. W. Elsie Venner. 49	16
Dunubon	Zanoni	Howard One summer 46	3
Caine	Miss Bagg's secretary 441	JunckerMargarethe	3
Carev	Deemster 462 Not like other girls 423	Kingsley Hypatia	0
o	Only the governess 498 .Conn. Yankee in King	Lover Handy Andy 49	5
Clemens	.Conn. Yankee in King	I well Donoven 40	n
Colling	Arthur's court 451 Man and wife 423	Won by waiting. 40 Marlit Countess Gisela 49	0
Cooper	Pathfinder 426	PorterScottish chiefs 44	1
	Spy	Porter Scottish chiefs 44 Roe Earth trembled 42	0
Corelli	.Vendetta	Face illuminated 403	5
Crawlord	Ralstons	Knight of the XIX cen-	5
Dickens	Tale of two cities 479	tury	2
Doyle	.Adventures of Sherlock	Original belle 46	8
	Holmes	Without a home 450 Sue	5
Duchess	Airy, fairy Lillian 466	Thackeray. Pendennis 42	9
Ebers	Egyptian princess 405	Thackeray. Pendennis 42 Werner St. Michael 43	2
TT	Uarda	Woolson East angels 40	2
Hardy	Tess 490	Yonge Heir of Redclyffe 46	Z
	BETWEEN 300 A	AND 400 TIMES.	
Barrie	Little minister 391	EliotRomola32	2
Bronte	Shirley 397	Eliot Romola 32 Fothergill First violin 34	6
Brush	.Colonel's opera cloak 327 .Mistress of Beech Knoll 326	Grand Heavenly twins 38	0
	Sane lunatic 214	Haggard King Solomon's mines 33 Harris Rutledge 33	3
	Young maids and old 382	Holmes Lena Rivers 37	6
Caine	Bonuman 306	Hughes Tom Brown at Oxford 31	2
Carey	Averil 346 Barbara Heathcote's trial 304	Holmes Lena Rivers 37 Hughes Tom Brown at Oxford 31 Hugo Notre Dame 33 King Kitty's conquest 33	3
	Queenie's whim 394	Waring's peril 30	1
~	Uncle Max 312	War-time wooing 34	5
Corelli	Deerslayer	Manteuffel Violetta 33	2
0010111	Barabbas 366	Lyall in the golden days 35 Manteuffel Violetta 33 Marlitt At the Councillor's 37)
	Romance of two worlds 380	Lady with the rubies 39	8
Crawford	Thelma	MarryatMr. Midshipman Easy 35 ReadePut yourself in his place. 348	3
Donic	Collowbox 950	Roche Children of the abbey 37	7
Dickens	Bleak House	RoeDay of fate)
Dovle	Dombey and son	Scott)
	110111168	StevensonDr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde 39	3
Duchoss	Doings of Raffles Haw 362 Beauty's daughters 347	New Arabian nights 33 Streckfuss Castle Hohenwald 350	Ł
Duchess	Faith and unfaith 318	Thackeray Newcomes 39	1
	Phyllis 393	Ward Marcella 34	4
Dumas	Rossmoyne	Robert Elsemere34 WeymanFrancis Cludde33	2
Dumas	Queen's necklace 329 Twenty years after 359	Under the red robe 31	2
	Two Dianas 335		
	BETWEEN 200 A	AND 300 TIMES.	
Barr	Between two loves 289	Carey Robert Ord's atonement . 20	1
	Border shepherdess 262	Wee wifie 21	1
Rallamy 1	Friend Olivia	Wooed and married 25 ClemensAmerican claimant 22	
Besant	Looking backward 215 All sorts and conditions	Pudd'n head Wilson 286	8
	of men	CollinsArmadale	3
Black	Daughter of Heth 221	CooperLast of the Mohicans 23	1
	Daughter of Heth 221 Madcap Violet 254 Aurora Floyd 213	Pilot 260 Crawford Adam Johnstone's son 26)
Braddon	Lady Audley's secret 247	Cigarette - maker's ro-	1
	Professor	mance 26	1
	Villette 211	Greifenstein 21	9
Bulwer	Alice	Marzios Crucifix 27 Three fates 24	
Burnett	That lass o' Lowries 248 Through one administra-	To leeward 24	4
	Through one administra-	CurtisPrue and I 22	4
Burnham	tion	DickensLittle Dorrit	1
	Wise woman 223	Douglass Claudia 26	0
Carey	.Manxman	From hand to mouth 21	9
Oaley	Heriot's choice 279	Out of the wreck	2
	Nellie's memories 291	Doyle Great shadow	7

Dovla	.Parasite 210	King Foes in ambush 292
Duchess	Lady Valworth's dia-	Laramie 255
	monds 276	Starlight Ranch 252
	Mrs. Geoffrey	Two soldiers 214
	Molly Bawn	KirkStory of Margaret Kent. 235
Dumas	Portia 282 Forty-five guardsmen 282 Man in the iron mask 286	Lyall Doreen
D amas	man in the fron mask 200	Marlitt Bailiff's maid 225
	Memoirs of physician 217	MuehlbachFrederick the Great and
77 1	Regent's daughter 265	his court 297 Oswald. Vain forebodings 218
Eggieston	Hoosier school-master 283 Roxy	Porter Thaddens of Warsaw 993
Eliot	Roxy	Porter Thaddeus of Warsaw 293 Reade Cloister and the hearth. 290
21.00	Middlemarch 289	Never too late to mend . 250
	Mill on the Floss 288	Woman hater 251
Fargus	Called back 210	Reid Miss Churchill 212
Goldsmith	Vicar of Wakefield 227 Face to face 238	Sand Consuelo 282 Scott Kenilworth 288
Habberton	Helen's babies 272	Rob Roy 257
Haggard	Dawn 241	Talisman 257
	She	SouthworthArtist's love
Harraden	Ships that pass in the	Beautiful fiend 276
Harrison	Rachelor maid 249	Deserted wife
Hawthorne	.House of seven gables 229	Maiden widow 239
ZZCON OHOZDON	Marble faun 289	Noble lord 272
	Twice told tales 209	Stael 260
Heimburg	.Armes maedchen 219	StevensonBlack arrow 228
Hillown	Gertrude's marriage 297	TautphoeusInitials
Hone	Only a girl 219 Prisoner of Zenda 277	Ward David Grieve 228
Howells	Chance acquaintance 204	Warner, C. D., Golden house 260
	Their wedding journey. 238 Tom Brown at Rugby . 295 Ninety three 281 Boilers of the sea 281	Warner, S Queechy
Hughes	.Tom Brown at Rugby 295	Wide, wide world 259
Hugo	Poilors of the sea	WernerAlpine fay
King	Between the lines 213	WilkinsPembroke
2227 8	Colonel's Christmas din-	Yonge Chaplet of pearls 273
	ner 204	
		400
	LIST OF NOVELS ISSU	ED OVER 100 TIMES.
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Barr	.Beads of Tasmer 160	CookeSurrey of the Eagle's
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To Hon. Henry Ziegenhein, Mayor of St. Louis:

Sir—The Board of Directors of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library beg leave to submit to you, as chief magistrate of the city, the following report for the year ending April 30, 1898. A large and valuable portion thereof is the annual official report of our Librarian, to whose energy, intelligence and long experience the present and prospective growth of the Library is so largely due. The accurate and exhaustive details given by him leave practically nothing of real value to be added by us in the way of information. We may, therefore, confine our remarks mainly to such comment and suggestion as the facts he presents seem to demand.

The Free Public Library has now been in existence only a little over four years. In this short period it has more than fulfilled the most sanguine expectations of those who were instrumental in its establishment. From the very outset it demonstrated its right to live and its capacity for indefinite growth. It is no longer an experiment, involving possible failure in a near or remote future. It is an assured success, and this assurance is deepening and strengthening with every passing week. It is pre-eminently a popular institution; an institution "of, for, and by the people;" an institution which, as an agency for the diffusion of popular knowledge and the general education and intellectual development and advancement of the community, has no equal—hardly, so far as its work is concerned, a respectable rival. The only question now is—and it is a most urgent and pressing one—whether this great and constantly enlarging

usefulness shall be checked and crippled for the lack of proper facilities; whether St. Louis, with its population of 600,000, shall be content to be passed and distanced by cities much inferior in size, wealth and commercial enterprise.

The pivotal and vital point of this question, to which all others are of comparatively minor consequence, is the need of a new building; a building not only in every way worthy of a city of which we are all so justly proud, but a building entirely fit and adequate not merely for the immediate wants of a People's Library, nor for its wants ten or twenty years hence, but for a period of indefinite duration; a building which shall be a permanent home, and not simply a temporary camp, so to speak.

Our 130,000 volumes are now lodged in the sixth and seventh stories of a building constructed for purely business purposes. It is crowded now; and the pressure upon the limited space naturally and inevitably becomes greater as a constantly increasing number of books demand admittance. It is difficult of access, deficient in indispensable conveniences, and notoriously unsafe as a depository of the literary and scientific treasures it now contains,—to say nothing of those that must come hereafter.

The Board of Directors, from their first organization, have fully recognized the absolute necessity of a new and suitable building at the earliest possible moment, if the Library is ever to be what it certainly ought to be. They have done, are doing, and will continue to do, their best under most unfavorable conditions; but they realize more and more every day that if the Library, and all that it stands for, are not to suffer serious, if not irreparable, injury, these conditions must be radically changed for the better—and that delay, to say the least, is dangerous. In these few years, by closest economy and constant watchfulness, they have, after paying the fixed charges upon the annual fund for maintenance, saved \$123,000. This sum has been invested in desirable real estate with a view to the erection of a new building. The remainder of the money required for the purchase of what is now known as the Library Lot on Olive Street was furnished by a loan, the particulars of which are sufficiently given in the Librarian's Report. The meeting of the interest on this loan and payment of a portion of the principal have necessarily cramped the financial resources of the Board to a very considerable extent; and, in the hope of providing ways and means to relieve them of this burden, the question of levying a small building tax for the limited period of five years was submitted to popular election in April, 1897,

and again in November, 1898. On both occasions it was defeated,—not because a majority of the people were opposed to it, as the returns showed decidedly the contrary,—but because of the needlessly stringent conditions of the state law under which the election was held. Consequently the financial burden remains, with all that it implies in the shape of embarrassment to the Board and restricted usefulness to the Library. It must be lifted; and we have faith to believe that it will be. An institution which already has 45,000 enrolled members, and which circulates nearly a million of books every year among the people "without money and without price," should not and can not be allowed to suffer from a depleted treasury. The Library will not and can not die; but it may and will languish if not liberally supported by the public for which it is working and to which it belongs.

Until the conditions imposed by the state law are materially changed, it will be exceedingly difficult to obtain a verdict at the ballot box in favor of the building tax; and, until such verdict is obtained, the Library will be heavily handicapped by lack of money. Our hands are tied, or so nearly so, as to almost disable them for the great and ever-growing effort imperatively required if the Library is to be kept up to the high standard of the mission it has assumed, and so far worthily filled. Something must be done, and it remains to be seen what St. Louis will do. A noble example has recently been set in the case of Washington University. A few public-spirited gentlemen, who know how to use their wealth, have contributed enough of it to place the University fairly upon its feet and open for it a noble future. Are there not others in our city who will do as much or more for an institution certainly not inferior, and in some respects superior, in usefulness to any University? How can our rich men make better investment of a part of their riches than in this way? How can they buy for themselves a more generous and graceful immortality? How can they win from present and future generations a larger or more enduring gratitude? How can they more surely accomplish what will make posterity "rise up and call them blessed?"

Meanwhile the Library waits.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS DIMMOCK.

President

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

To the Honorable Board of Directors of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library:

I have the honor to present the following report on the work of the Library for the year ending April 30th, 1898, with some additional statistics showing the growth and progress up to January 1, 1899.

The receipts for the fiscal year amounted to \$73,349.01 as follows:

City collections	\$67,638	45	
Desk receipts	3.839	86	
Rent	1,480	00	
Int. on current and time deposits	390	70	
			\$73,349 01

In the city collections there was an increase of \$2,975.13 over the previous year, and the desk receipts show a gain of \$148.55.

The total expenditure for the maintenance of the Library amounted to \$58,051.90. In addition to this, \$29,972.00 was paid on real estate,—\$20,000.00 being the first payment on the new building site, and \$9,972.00 principal and interest notes on the 181 feet on the southeast corner of Locust and Seventeenth Streets, bought January 10, 1896. The final payment on this property (\$24,036.00) was made January 10, 1899.

The total amount expended for books, periodicals and binding was \$17,070.97. The total expense for the quarters occupied by the Library was \$10,182.62. This consisted of \$5,000 for rent, \$3,216.69 for elevator service, \$1,589.82 for light, \$170.86 for water, and \$205.25 for heat on Sundays and holidays.

The expenditure for delivery stations has increased from \$933.35 in 1896-97 to \$1,385.65; and, if the service is to be extended, a much larger appropriation will have to be made for the coming year.

*The "Collection of Duplicates," having fulfilled its purpose of supplying multiple copies of new books in temporary demand, shows a profit of \$1,064.06 for the four years from June 1, 1894, to May, 1898. This of course, is so much added to the fund for the purchase of books for the regular collection, which further illustrates the fact that the "Collection of Duplicates" benefits those who do not use it as well as those who do.

A detailed statement of the receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year covered by this report and also for the calendar year of 1898 follows.

^{*}For the explanation of the character and purpose of this special collection see annual report for 1894-95.

THE ST. LOUIS PUBLIC (FREE)	mbitati i	9
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR E	NDING APRIL	11, 1898.
DR. To bal. in City Treas., April 12, 1897 Collections, April 12, 1897—April 11, 1898	\$24,537 93 67,638 45	400 176 90
Bal. in Bank Fund, April 1, 1897		\$92,176 38 10,490 47 101 80
Magazines sold	864 30	
Fines. Books sold, lost and paid for Catalogues Lost cards. Postal cards	2,506 71 205 17 100 90 138 10 14 05	
Old paper, etc	10 63	9 090 00
Total desk receipts, Rent (from property purchased January, 1896) Interest Postage replaced		3,839 86 1,480 00 390 75 34 06
Total		108,513 32
By Salaries		09 052 52
Books, Main Collection Collection of Duplicates Binding Periodicals	10,758 33 538 17 4,653 93 1,120 54	23,253 53
Building (real estate purchased). Rent	29,972 00 5,000 00 1,462 50 1,344 20 409 99 205 25 1,589 82 787 00 170 86 578 36	17,070 97
Expense.	***************************************	41,519 98
Printing and Stationery. Advertising Delivery Stations Postage Sundries Supplies	2,883 94 131 25 1,385 65 296 11 1,191 64 290 83	
Total expenditures (including real estate		6,179 42
Bal. in Contingent Fund, April 1, 1898	٠	88,023 90 14,700 70 96 23 5,692 49
*		\$108,513 32
Collection of Duplicates, Receipts and Expenditures Receipts Expenditures	\$3,106	82

Profit\$1,064 06

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1898.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR END	ING DECEMI	BER 31, 1898.
Dr.		
To bal. in City Treas., Jan. 7, 1898	\$36,623 00	
Collections Jan. 7, 1898, to Jan. 9, 1899	71,688 16	100 011 10
Bal. in Bank Fund, Jan. 6, 1898		108,311 16 13,389 31
Collection of Duplicates,		10,000 01
Cards sold\$734 50		
Magazines sold	771 08	
Fines	2,463 94	
Books sold, lost and paid for	171 51	
Lost cards Catalogues	181 84 189 00	
Postal cards	14 73	
Miscellaneous	50 73	
Total desk receipts -		3,842 83
Rent collections		9,047 56 543 97
Insurance		39,552 72
Boiler sold		75 00
Total		\$174,762 55
	•	φ174,702 00
Pr. Solowica		24,380 02
By Salaries Books, Main Library	8,815 43	24,500 02
Collection of Duplicates	337 53	
Binding	5,078 28	
Periodicals	398 71	14,629 95
Building, Notes (payments on building site)	83,009 82	11,020 00
Rent	4,583 34	
Light\$742 00	1,408 16	
'' Property 902 15		
	1,644 15	
Elevator (Sundays and holidays) Water	389 19 78 00	
Furniture and repairs	600 25	
Elevator salaries	1,012 50	
Elevator powerFuel	889 07 103 15	
r dei	103 13	\$93,717 63
Expense.		, ,
Printing and stationery\$	1,793 96	
Election expenses Delivery stations	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	
Postage	227 33	
Sundries	627 32	
Supplies	166 48	\$ 5,016 47
Total expenditures (including payments		
made on real estate)		137,744 07
Balance in Bank Fund, Jan. 11, 1899, Certificates of deposit\$2,000 00		
Current deposit		
		6,728 45
Overdraft in Contingent Fund, Jan. 1, 1898		$\begin{array}{c} 29 \ 58 \\ 32 \ 81 \end{array}$
Bal. in Contingent Fund, Jan. 1, 1899 Bal. in City Treasury, Jan. 9, 1899		30,227 64
		\$174,762 55

PURCHASE OF A BUILDING SITE.

The most notable event of the year was the purchase of a block of ground for a building site. A full exhibit of the finances of the Board necessarily includes a succinct account of this transaction, and may be properly accompanied by a brief history of the efforts of the Board to secure a permanent home for the Library.

It was apparent at the outset that the Library could not long remain on the top floor of a commercial building; and not many months after the organization of the Board, there were informal discussions on the subject, resulting in the determination to secure a site as soon as possible and erect a suitable building. It was the unanimous judgment that the Library should be located as near as possible to the business center of the city—between Washington Avenue and Olive Street, the two main east and west thoroughfares, and as far down town as the price of the land would permit.

The first definite report on the subject was made to the Board at the regular meeting on July 7, 1894, by Col. Meysenburg, who had been acting under an informal appointment as a committee on the selection of a site. He had found that a lot which the Board deemed desirable was held at too high a price. At Mr. Meysenburg's request, Mr. Arthur Lee was added to the Committee, and took the lead in a further investigation. Through Mr. Wm. Baggot he obtained the price on every suitable and available lot on Locust and Pine Streets (Olive Street being considered out of the question because of high prices), from Fourteenth to Jefferson Avenue, and on the latter street from Washington Avenue to Pine. A special meeting was held Tuesday, December 24, 1895, to receive a report on this investigation. After long and careful consideration, it was decided that location and price made the southeast corner of 17th and Locust the most desirable lot on the list. corner with 100 feet fronting on Locust with a depth of 155 feet on 17th Street (having on it the old Morrison mansion, then leased for \$150 a month), was offered by John Lumsden for \$575 a front foot, which was \$175 a foot less than the price placed on a lot of less depth on an opposite corner. Adjoining this was a vacant lot of 81 feet offered by George Warren Brown at \$450 a foot. At the regular meeting, January 11, 1896, a unanimous vote authorized the Committee, Messrs. Lee and Meysenburg, to purchase the Lumsden property and 40 feet of the Brown lot at the prices named. During an informal discussion after adjournment, all the members present came to the conclusion that 140 feet was entirely inadequate to the most limited requirements of the Library; and the Secretary was directed to call a special meeting to consider the advisability of enlarging the purchase. The meeting was held on January 17th; and, on motion of Miss Halsted, it was unanimously voted to buy the whole 181 feet. The total cost of the property, exclusive of interest on deferred payments, was \$94,140.37. The items appear as follows:

John Lumsden, 100 feet at \$575		\$57,500 00 36,609 37
Certificates of title\$ Recorder's fees	25 00 4 00	94,109 37
Notary		31 00
_		94,140 37
Lumsden cash	28,750 00 12,150 00 31 00	ı
Total cash payment	\$40,931 00	

Interest on the Lumsden notes amounted to \$3,364.58. The rent received was sufficient to pay for insurance, repairs, and agent's commissions, and yield a net return of \$4,375.53 up to January 1, 1899. Interest on the Brown lot amounted to \$2,756.63. The total net cost of the 181 feet, therefore, was \$95,886.05.

From the first it was not expected that this would be sufficient ground for the public library of a great and rapidly growing city like St. Louis. Considerations of life and safety from fire—not to mention architectural effect—forbade the thought of covering the entire lot.

The new Boston Public Library, a much larger building than could be erected on our lot, was found to be not large enough before the end of the first year, though Boston has a number of branch buildings to divide the work and lessen the crowd at the central library. Chicago was erecting a building occupying a whole block of ground on the lake front; Milwaukee had a larger building than our ground could properly hold; it was clear that the lot was inadequate. Moreover, it was practically certain that, sooner or later, an eight or ten-story commercial building on Olive Street would cut off our light and- in case of fire endanger our building. It was necessary, therefore, to secure a frontage on Olive Street. But this could not be done until money for completing the first purchase should be in sight. When the attempt was made, it was found that two of the three holdings needed were held at unwarrantable prices, and that it would be difficult to get a clear title to two of them. By this time the consensus of the Board was that the site for the future great Public Library of St. Louis ought not to be less than a whole block, in order to give the building a proper setting back from the sidewalk, to obtain light on all sides and, above all, to insure safety from fire, which can be secured only by entire isolation. Accordingly, Mr. Baggot was set to work to see what could be done with the block immediately west. By quiet and skilful negotiation, under the direction of the Committee on Administration, Mr. Baggot secured options on every one of the eleven holdings in the block at prices that have since been pronounced low by real estate dealers, and which were but little more than half the prices asked for the ground on the next block. The property was all improved, bringing, at that time, a total rental of \$18,076 per annum. At a special meeting on March 14, 1898, the Committee on Administration reported the result of its negotiations (which had also included

efforts to obtain a loan), and recommended the purchase of the block if the necessary money could be borrowed at 5%. After long discussion and the consideration of another block of ground offered, the Board adopted the recommendation of the Committee.

The total price of the property was \$455,525.

After much difficulty and delay, the necessary funds were obtained from the St. Louis Trust Company. The first condition of the loan was a cash payment of \$20,000 by the Library, which was made on April 11th. Thereupon, the Trust Company was to make a cash purchase of the property to be redeeded to the Library, taking its notes secured by deeds of trust on the property for the balance due, with the 181 feet on Locust Street as additional security. But immediately upon the closing of the options a fire destroyed five of the buildings, the insurance on which amounted to nearly \$40,000.00. The contract between the Board and the Trust Company, therefore, provided that this sum should be added to the \$20,000.00, making a total cash payment of \$60,000.00. The fire made a considerable reduction in the annual rental; but, at the same time, it saved the interest on \$40,000 and brought this sum for buildings which, in a few years would be worthless. A detailed statement brought up to January 1, 1899, follows. From this it appears that the Library has acquired a \$60,000 equity in the property purchased, at an outlay (including interest) of \$27,207.64. It will be seen, also, that the interest charge has been almost met by the income from rents.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES ON PROPERTY 17TH AND 18TH AND OLIVE AND LOCUST STREETS.

April 1, 1898, to December 31, 1899.

Payments on building site, Cash (April 11)\$	20,000 00	
Cook (Type 224)		
Cash (June 23d)	447 28	
Insurance on houses burnt (June 30)	33,552 72	
" (August)	6,000 00	
		\$60,000 00
Conveyancing,		
Trust Co		
325 00		
· · · · 555 51		
Internal revenue 37 10		
internal revenue	1 007 01	
	1,367 61	
Wrecking expenses		
320 00		
	1,640 00	
	1,010 00	
Appraisal of fire losses	431 00	
Repairs	1,079 27	
Agents' commission	204 77	
Insurance	902 15	
11104141100	002 10	
Total incidental expenses	E 004 00	
Total incidental expenses	5,624 80	4F F10 00
Interest notes paid October 1, 1898	9,888 12	15,512 92
Total expense		75,512 92

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Insura	nce on	houses burnt	\$33,552 7	2
""	1100 011	"	6,000 0	
				- 39,552 72
Rent c	ollectio	ns April	549 9	
"	66	May	841 2	7
"	"	June	934 3	3
"	"	July	1,182 2	1
"	"	August	730 0	
44	"	September	1,206 3	3
"	"	October	1,206 3	
"	"	November	744 5	
"	"	December	1,357 6	6
		<u>-</u>		- 8,752 56
		m		10.005.00
		Total receipts		48,305 28
Net ou	tlay for	r property to Jan. 1, 1899		\$27,207 64
				\$75,512 92

The total amount saved out of the regular maintenance fund of the Library from the organization of the Board, July 1, 1893, to January 10, 1899, and invested in real estate was \$123,062.69, as shown by the following statement:—

AMOUNT PAID OUT OF MAINTENANCE FUND FOR REAL ESTATE.

Lumsden property	\$ 57,500 3,364			
Less net rental	60,864 4,375		ØF.G. 400 A	05
Brown property	36,609 2,756		\$56,489 (
Conveyancing Lumsden and Brown property			39,366 (31 (
Seventeenth Street block	20,447 9,888	12		
Conveyancing, etc	1,367 31,703	_		
Less net rental	4,495		27,207	64
Total paid out of maintenance fund for real estate,	,		\$123,062	69

REGISTRATION.

The Library was first opened as a free institution on June 1, 1894. Registration began some weeks before. From the beginning up to April 30, 1898, the names of 65,769 persons were registered. During the early months, when names were registered at the rate of more than 2,000 a month and the new machinery was not yet perfected, it was impracticable to deliver readers' cards at the time of registration. That many who signed applications were attracted by the novelty of a free library or came with the idea that they must register at once to get in at all, and did not really care to use the Library, is evidenced by the fact that at the end of the second year it was

found that some 7,000 who had taken the trouble to secure a guarantor and file an application, had not thought it worth their while to call afterwards and get their cards. Up to July 1, 1894, all cards were marked to expire in three years from that date. Expiration, therefore, began with July 1, 1897; and the total of expirations for the year ending April 30, 1898, amounted to 26,064. Of these, 6,931 re-registered during the year,—leaving 19,133 who did not re-register. This, of course, included the 7,000 who had never called for their cards, and some four or five thousand whose terms had but recently expired,—many of whom have since taken cards for a new term of three years. There still remained, however, some thousands who did not value the privileges of the Library. Most of these were children who had been stimulated by the example of their school-mates or the advice of their teachers to get cards, but who failed to receive, either at home or at school, any encouragement to use them, or any help towards appreciating the delights of a good book. It is fair to assume that removals from the city would account for some hundreds. And yet there remains a considerable balance to be accounted for. This, of course, cannot be done accurately or completely. My own personal observation, corroborated by the wider and more constant experience of the assistants in the circulation department, shows that many persons come to the Library expecting to obtain books that no public library could entertain the thought of placing on its shelves. Finding none of these in the catalogue, they have no use for such a library. Again, there is another, a much larger class, whose literary horizon includes only some half-dozen story-writers. These novels are not vicious, but cheap and tawdry, trivial and vulgar, attracting by the glitter of tinsel, which ignorant readers take for gold, because they have never had an opportunity to become acquainted with the genuine metal. Most of these writers are American women, and three of them rank among the most popular authors in all parts of the country. What should be the attitude of the public library towards these books is a constantly recurring question. Supply them ad libitum, and you can increase registration and circulation to any extent; cut them off altogether, and thousands would think there was nothing in the library worth reading, and would forthwith leave and depend for their reading on cheap story papers and the low-class paper novels they might buy, beg or borrow. Like most public libraries, we have adopted a compromise by furnishing the books of these authors in limited quantities, hoping thus to hold their devotees and gradually lead them to better things. But hundreds, we know, or have reason to believe, have grown impatient over the difficulty of obtaining their favorites, and, declaring they couldn't get anything from the Library, have ceased to come. To keep these, however, by an unlimited supply of the books in question would be to foster the appetite that grows by what it feeds on and to educate generation after generation of Holmes and Southworth readers in a taste for that kind of insipid and innutritious mental pabulum.

There is another class, also a large one, who have been disappointed in the Library because they cannot get the latest popular books. This is inevitable. No library can supply the demand for new books of the popular kind unless it is conducted on the plan of Mudie's, which orders in advance of publication a whole edition, 2,000 copies, of a book by a popular author and charges from \$5 to \$100 a year for its privileges.

Some former cardholders have not renewed their registration because the Library did not meet their unreasonable requirements, because it was crowded and they had to take their turns in getting books, and because there was not the same absence of formality that prevailed when the membership was only one-tenth of the present enrollment.

But, further, candor compels me to admit that some cardholders have failed to re-register because the Library has not done what the public library of a city like St. Louis ought to do for its citizens. This disappointment of reasonable expectations, I think, can be shown to be from no neglect of the Board or lack of effort on the part of the staff, but solely from the lack of suitable quarters and sufficient funds. And this points to the greatest loss of all: viz., the additional thousands that could have been drawn into the circle of the Library's influence if there had been sufficient revenue to buy more books, print more reading lists, supply more delivery stations, and establish branches with reading-rooms in every part of the city.

A tabulated statement of the registration is given below:

Registered to April 30, 1897		51,476 14,293
Total registration to April 30, 1898		65,769
Expired Less re-registered	26,064 6,931	19,133
Total registration		46,636
Of these 11,790 are men, 13,751 women, 20,978 childs	ran and	117 ingtitu
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tions. Total registration	icii, and	46,636
tions. Total registration Cards cancelled	215	
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tions. Total registration Cards cancelled	215	

The issue of extra and teachers' cards began in September, 1896.

	Extra caras.	Teachers' cards.
Issued up to April 30, 1897	. 2,049	540
Additions to April 30, 1898	. 1,716	375
		
Total	3,765	915

It appears from this that up to April 30, 1898, 65,769 persons had registered as applicants for cards; that during the year ending with that date 14,293 new names were registered and 6,931 cards renewed, and that at the close of the year the total registration was 46,636 and the number of cards in use 43,010.

ADDITIONS TO THE COLLECTION.

The additions for the year amount to 15,503 volumes,—14,935 to the regular library and 568 to the "Collection of Duplicates". Of the total, 13,163 were purchased; 1,680 were gifts; and the balance came from the binding of periodicals and pamphlets. The large proportion of juveniles added is accounted for by the increased registration of children and by the purchase of 4,800 volumes for circulation in the public schools. A detailed statement, showing the number of volumes added in each class, etc., is given below.

ADDITIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1898.

· ·	Reg.	Coll. of	
Classes.	Lib.	Duplicates.	Totals.
Philosophy	77	70	77
Religion	266		266
Social Science	1,475		1,475
Natural Science	1,081		1,081
Art and Poetry.	502		502
Fiction	2,094	568	2,662
Juvenile Literature	7,769		7,769
Literary Miscellany	405		405
Travels and History	839		$839 \\ 427$
Cyclopædias and Periodicals	427		427
Total	14,935	568	15,503
Source.			
Purchase	12,595	568	13,163
Gift	1,680		1,680
Pamphlets, bound	121		121
Periodicals, bound	539		539
Total	14,935	568	15,503
Language.			
	14,463	568	15,031
English French	63		63
German	314		314
Other	95		. 95
Total	14,935	568	15,503

BOOKS WORN OUT, LOST AND PAID FOR, ETC.

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1,586 191 39 195	2,011
	15,503 2,011
	13 402
	191 39

Of the 1,586 volumes worn out, 1,085 were replaced by new copies; and of the 191 volumes lost and paid for, 134 were replaced.

The 39 volumes drawn by card-holders and not returned are a very small percentage out of a total of 687,029,—less than one out of 17,000, or less than six-thousandths of one per cent.

While the year's purchases have necessarily been chiefly for the general reader, the requirements of the student have not been overlooked. The following list of works added to the reference department might be greatly extended.

SOME OF THE MORE IMPORTANT ADDITIONS.

ARCHER, J. H. L. Orders of chivalry. F.

ARGOSY. 50v. O.

BILLINGS, R. W. Architectural illustrations of Carlisle cathedral. F.

BIGGS, C. H. W., ed. Practical electrical engineering. 2v. F.

BURGESS, J. The Buddhist stupas of Amaravati. F.

- Report on the Buddhist cave temples. F.

CHEMICAL society of London. Journal, and abstracts of proceedings. 64v. O.

COLLIER, J. P. Bibliographical and critical account of the rarest books in the English language. 2v. O.

DEVOY, J. History of St. Louis. Q.

HAMERTON, P. G. Man in art. F.

INTERNATIONAL cyclopedia. 15v. Q.

JOURNAL of the anthropological inst. of Great Britain and Ireland. v. 1-18. O.

Kellogg, D. O. New Amer. sup. to the Encyclopædia Britannica. 5v. Q. Knackfuss, H. Künstler-Monographien. 31v. O.

Monthly microscopial journal. v. 1-18. O.

Peabody Institute Library. Catalogue and sup. 7v. Q.

PHILLIPS, P. The Forth bridge. F.

RANKE, F. L. Memoirs of the house of Brandenburg and hist. of Prussia. O.

RICHARDSON, C. F., and Clark, H. A. College book. Q.

RICHELIEU, Cardinal. Lettres et papiers d'état. 8v. Q.

SHAW, H. Details of Elizabethan architecture. F.

STEVENSON, T. Edinburgh in the olden times. F.

This year marks a further effort to supply the wants of our polyglot population. For many years we have had a good German collection, which has called forth commendation from a number of German students who have at various times examined it; we have always tried to meet the demand for French literature, and of late years have added a number of Italian and Spanish books. This year we made a beginning by the purchase of fifty volumes in the Polish language, comprising some of the best of recent works in history, poetry, and prose fiction.

EXCHANGES AND DONATIONS.

In an appendix may be found a complete list of the exchanges and donations, amounting to 2234 volumes and 7,264 pamphlets, from 1,011 sources. The following comparison shows the result of the systematic efforts of the assistant who has had charge of the work the last two years to obtain the publications of the states, municipalities and institutions, from which has come the marked increase in the number of gifts.

EXCHANGES AND DONATIONS.

1894-5 то 1897-8.

,	Volumes.	Pamphlets.
1894-5	1,074	1,362
1895-6	1,575	2,926
1896-7	1,163	3,069
1897-8	2,234	7,265
Calendar year, 1898	1,553	8,810

The sources from which the donations and exchanges come are roughly classified as follows:

May 1, 1	$1897 ext{-}\mathrm{Apri}$	il 30, 1898.	JanDe	c., 1898.
Source.	Volumes.	Pamphlets.	Volumes.	Pamphlets.
Educational institutions	46	543	35	503
Libraries	132	674	110	701
States and Cities	546	2,336	449	2,359
United States	227	475	414	617
Miscellaneous	1,258	1,927	478	4,080
Foreign	25	309	67	550
Total	2,234	7,264	1,553	8,810

Most of these were gifts. In exchange for the others we have sent our annual reports, Fiction Catalogue, and the St. Louis Public Library Magazine, copies of our municipal documents, reports of the St. Louis Board of Education, and a few duplicate state documents, together with many duplicates of the United States documents returned to the government.

Among the noteworthy donations of the year the following may be mentioned:

Mr. F. G. Brown, Boston, Reports of Bunker Hill Monument Association and miscellaneous pamphlets, some of them very old and valuable, 21 volumes and 30 pamphlets; Dr. M. M. Eaton, 56 volumes of medical books; Mr. A. A. Folsom, Boston, 29 numbers of the Reports of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Boston; Mr. F. Gottlieb, Map of St. Louis, facsimile of plat made by A. Chouteau in 1764; Dr. D. R. McAnally, St. Louis, 9 volumes of additions to the McAnally collection; Hon. J. J. O'Neill, St. Louis, U. S. Publications, 605 volumes, 30 pamphlets, and 21 charts; Dr. E. M. Power's estate, St. Louis, Medical miscellany, 60 volumes, 500 pamphlets; Mr. D. J. Snider, St. Louis, a set of his writings, 18 volumes; Shaker Society of the United States, Shaker literature, 35 volumes, and 20 pamphlets.

DUPLICATES DISPOSED OF.

The records show that 256 volumes of duplicate U. S. and State documents were exchanged as follows:

	Volumes.	Pamphlets.
Denver Public Library, entered 40	_	
unentered 61		

New York City Public Free Library, Astor, Lenox and	i	
Tilden Foundation, entered	. 81	
New York State Library, entered	. 54	2
Field Columbian Museum, entered		
St. Louis Public School Board, entered		
Columbia University		
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THE INVENTORY OF 1897.

To account for every one of upwards of 105,000 volumes, many thousands of which are constantly coming in and going out, without in the slightest degree interrupting the circulation, is no small task. How the work is done I explained fully in my report for 1894-95. A careful inventory begun May 17th showed the actual possession of 105,171 catalogued

books on September 1st, 1897. The additions up to April 30th, 1898, and the unentered books raised the total at the latter date to nearly 124,000. The inventory also disclosed the fact that in two years 1,062 volumes had disappeared from the shelves without any record of their whereabouts. Beside these, 83 volumes were lost but accounted for as charged to members. The following table shows the loss in each department and class of books.

BOOKS LOST 1895-1897.

-	UNACCOUNTED FOR.				CHARGED TO MEMBERS.		
	Ref. Dept.	Circ. Dept.	Coll. Dupl.	Total.	Reg. Coll.	Coll. Dupl.	Total.
Philosophy Religion Social Science Natural Science Art and Poetry Fiction Juveniles Literary Miscellany Geography and History Cyclopædias and Magazines	5 30 14 1 3 4	5 6 21 62 12 251 426 33 37 23	107 1 1 1 1 1	5 111 511 76 13 358 430 38 44 36	29 44 1 7	2	31 44 1 7
Totals	75	876	111	1,062	81	2	83

Since the results of the inventory were tabulated, as given above, ten of the books unaccounted for have been found. This, however, is an insignificant reduction from a total that still remains over a thousand. The loss of 500 volumes a year seems an unreasonable charge upon the resources of the Library and a discouraging commentary on the honesty of the general public. It seems also to call for decisive measures to prevent further loss.

Prior to the discovery of these losses, all the recent additions, together with some hundreds of old novels and, from time to time, selections from different classes of books-travel, history, biography, selfculture, etc.,—were kept on open shelves in the delivery room. The space given to these was increased till finally it comprised 116 linear feet of shelving on which were constantly kept 600 or 700 volumes. It was from these shelves and from the Juvenile Department and the Reference Room that the books lost disappeared. Aside from the fact that so many volumes could hardly have been taken in any other way, an examination of the classified table of missing books shows that the losses came chiefly, almost solely, from the open-shelf privileges. Nearly half of the loss is from the children's room, where all books are on open shelves. The novels numbered 358, making with the juveniles nearly three-fourths of the entire loss. Of the miscellaneous books that disappeared from the circulation department, 82 were new books that were displayed on the shelves above referred to. Among them were 23 works on the applications of electricity, and 19 volumes relating to other useful arts and trades. A striking and significant item is the loss of 111 volumes from the "Collection of Duplicates." The bulk of this collection was always kept on the open shelves; and the loss amounts to about one-seventh of the whole collection. Upon ascertaining the extent of loss from these display shelves, the Committee on Administration ordered them to be protected by wire screens, through which the titles can be read, though the books cannot be handled. To punish the many innocent for the acts of a few guilty should be avoided, if possible; and it is to be hoped that some plan for restoring the privileges of the open shelves in the former "browsing corner" may be found practicable. In the planning of a new building, room should be provided with open shelving for 10,000 volumes, among which the general reader could roam at will and make his selections from the new books and the best of the old books of all classes.

Though the "new book," or "display" shelves were screened, it was deemed impracticable and decidedly unadvisable to bar the children from free access to the shelves in their room. At the same time free access to the Teachers' Department, including the Froebel Collection, was continued. To ascertain what further losses had occurred in these two departments, an inventory was taken in the summer of 1898. The examination of the shelves was begun the latter part of August and the results tabulated about the middle of September, when it appeared that 618 volumes could not be accounted for. Since then (up to February 1st, 1899) 143 volumes have been found, leaving still 475 volumes not accounted for. Of these, 445 belong to the Juvenile Collection, 26 to the Teachers' Department and four to the Froebel Collection. Doubtless some of these will turn up later, or will be found at the next stock-taking. Of the books finally recorded missing after months of search in 1895, 35 volumes were subsequently found. In many cases we know that books are borrowed surreptitiously and returned when the conscienceless borrower has finished with them, - which may be days, weeks, or months.

Now, it would be easy to prevent these losses by denying all access to the shelves; but, aside from the fact that such a measure would turn many away from the Library and annoy many more, it would entail additional salary expense equal, probably, to the whole cost of the books stolen. In an adequate building greatly enlarged privileges could be given with less danger of loss; and it may be that a change under consideration can, with a little increase of expense, afford the desired facilities to some extent in our present quarters.

CONTENTS OF THE LIBRARY,
A careful inventory mentioned above showed the following:
CLASSIFIED CONTENTS OF THE LIBRARY, SEPT. 1, 1897.

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	Ref.	Cir.	Coll. of Dupl.	Total.
Philosophy	144	1,093		1,237
Religion	1,799	2,682		4,481
Social Science	10,738	4,409		15,147
Natural Science	8,095	6,540	4	14,639
Art and Poetry	1,203	5,039	7	6,249
Fiction	407	20,402	712	21,521
Juvenile Literature	302	11,221	2	11,525
Literary Miscellany	1,497	4,251	16	5,764
Geography and History	2,422	11,822	14	14,258
Cyclopædias and Magazines	8,926	1,420	. 4	10,350
Totals	35,533	68,879	759	105,171
Unentered duplicates and be	ooks and	d periodicals	not vet cata-	
logued (about)		T		6,000

Including the additions for the eight months following September 1, 1897, we have the

CLASSIFIED CONTENTS OF THE LIBRARY, APRIL 30, 1898.

	Main	Coll. of	
	Coll.	Duplicates.	Totals.
Philosophy	1,300	-	1,300
Religion	4,691	************	4,691
Social Science.	16,092		16,092
Natural Science	15,405	4	15,409
Art and Poetry	6,670	7	6,677
Fiction	22,392	1,211	23,603
Juvenile Literature	17,917	2	17,919
Literary Miscellany	6,068	16	6,084
Geography and History	14,814	14	14,828
Cyclopædias and Magazines	10,663	4	10,667
	116,012	1,258	117,270
Unentered duplicates and books and perio			
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Total contents of Library April 30, 1898.		•••••	. 123,270

BINDING.

During the year 11,090 volumes were rebound by contract at a total cost of \$4,190.83, an average of about 40 cents per volume. In addition to these 1,192 volumes, chiefly periodicals, were bound for the first time at a total cost of \$867.30, an average of 72 cents per volume.

10,022 books were repaired at the Library at a cost of \$469.50 for materials and salary, an average of four cents per volume. The report for the year is as follows:

Leaves patched, 2,611; leaves replaced, 2,465; backs replaced, 1,830; backs patched, 1,695; new backs, 480; backs lettered, 877; books sewed, 64. Total, 10,024.

CIRCULATION.

The total circulation for the year was 920,500 books and periodicals. The home issue from the Library was 438,811; from the delivery stations, 212,360; total home issue, 647,360; library issue, 69,070; reading-room issue, 204,259.

As in other cities, there is a steady and natural tendency towards an increase of the ratio of issue from the delivery stations. For the year covered by this report, the delivery station issue was nearly one-third of the total; while for the year preceding, it was but little wore than one-fifth. The gain from this source amounted to 100,891 volumes. Deducting from this the loss of 4,779 volumes in the issue over the library counter, we have a net gain of 96,112 volumes, which is greater by 17,771 than the gain of the previous year. The gain in the home issue was 15 per cent, and in the total issue, $14\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

The largest per cent. of gain was in the Juvenile Department—the issue increasing from 26 to 32 per cent. Part of this is due to the books sent to the schools. In the adult fiction there has been a corresponding decrease from 58 to 52 per cent. The juvenile issue, it must be remembered, includes books in all classes, and is not to be counted with fiction.

There can be no question that it all has an educating value, as, indeed, do most of the novels read by adolescents and adults.

The March issue was the largest in the history of the Library—72,590 for home use and a total of 103,428.

In fiction the most popular book was Les Miserables, with Monte Cristo second, thus reversing the order of last year. These were followed by the novels of Holmes, Wilson and King, and by Ben Hur, Vanity Fair and the Wandering Jew. Among the juveniles, Tom Sawyer is easily first, followed closely by Miss Alcott's books. Of standard works, Shakespeare heads the list, followed by Mark Twain and Longfellow. A list of the most popular books with the issue of each, may be found in an appendix.

There were seven holidays; Decoration Day, July 5th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Washington's Birthday. The average issue for these days was 1,743, the largest being on Washington's birthday, 3,644, and the smallest, Christmas, 392.

Saturday, March 12th, marked the highest point yet reached, with a home issue of 4,158, and a total issue of 5,398.

Full details may be found in the following tables:

ISSUE BY MONTHS FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1898.

	Main Library.	Delivery Stations.	Total.	Library Issue.	Reading Room Issue.	Total in all Depts.
May June July August September October November December January February March April Total, 1897, '98. Total, 1896-'97 Gain Loss	37449 33818 32894 33599 307011 36035 36593 41559 39484 41928 36860 434811 439590	17789 15407 11475 11067 10338 10767 16992 16668 23086 30662 28656 212360 111469	55238 49225 44369 44666 41034 43778 58927 58926 61022 62570 72590 65516 647171 551059 96112	5080 4242 4328 3945 4636 5214 5993 7040 7575 6485 7848 69070 51240 17830	13562 12083 11857 10919 12716 15823 18841 20840 22973 20994 22990 20621 204259 184729 19530	73830 65550 60554 59530 58386 64815 78761 81156 91570 90049 103428 92871 920500 787028

CLASSIFIED CIRCULATION.

	Home Issue.	Per Cent.	Library Issue.	Per Cent.	Total Issue.	Per Cent.
Philosophy Religion Social Science Natural Science Art Poetry Fiction Juvenile Literary Miscellany Travels History Biography Cyclopædias and Magazines	2981 4270 8826 16068 4975 11833 340836 210999 12735 8091 10204 9519 5834	.46 .66 1.36 2.48 .77 1.83 52.67 32.60 1.97 1.25 1.58 1.47	1721 2647 8801 7279 5243 2395 10324 2307 5440 2445 3555 2381 14582	2.49 3.83 12.74 10.53 7.60 3.46 14.95 3.34 7.88 3.54 5.15 3.45 21.04	4702 6917 17627 23347 10218 14228 351160 213306 18175 10536 13759 11900 20366	.66 .97 2.46 3.26 1.43 1.99 49.02 29.78 2.54 1.47 1.92 1.66 2.84
Total'	647171	100.00	69070	100.00	716241	100.00

DELIVERY STATIONS.

Issue—The total issue through the delivery stations was 212,360 volumes, 116,117 of which were issued through the 34 stations in drug stores, and 46,243 through the public schools and Sunday schools. 4,219 volumes were sent to Sunday schools and 1,230 were afterwards recalled because no use was made of them. 4,655 volumes were sent to the public schools as supplementary reading.

The gain in the delivery stations proper over the preceding year was 66,201 volumes; and the total gain, including public schools and Sunday schools, was 100,891, an increase of 66 per cent. The daily average was 534, and the largest issue was April 7th, 1,019.

Stations—There were thirty-four delivery stations, four of which were added during the year, while seven were changed from bi-weekly to daily. Under an arrangement with the street car companies, the Library has established stations at the following power houses for the benefit of the employees: Broadway Cable (North End), Citizen's Railway, Northern Central, and Lindell Railway (Chouteau, Finney, Park, and Vandeventer divisions).

The following churches have been supplied with collections of books for use of the Sunday schools: Baden Presbyterian, Beckville M. E., Bowman M. E., Central Presbyterian, Church of the Messiah, Messiah Mission, Church of the Redeemer, Compton Heights Christian, Cook Avenue M. E., Ethical Club, First Congregational, Fountain Park Congregational, Grace Presbyterian, Hyde Park Congregational, Immanuel Congregational, Lafayette Park M. E., McCausland Avenue Presbyterian, North Presbyterian, Oak Hill Congregational, Olivette Presbyterian, St. Philip's Episcopal, St. Stephens' Mission, Union M. E.

These books may be kept as long as they can be used, and the Library is guaranteed from loss by the pastor of the Church or the Superintendent of the Sunday school. The Second Baptist Sunday School is not mentioned in this list, as the books issued are loaned directly to the members and not to the Sunday School. Orders for books are left with the Librarian of the Sunday School one week in advance. These orders are filled the following Saturday at the Library, sent to the Church and issued the next day.

Transportation—Transportation has been by two Library wagons, one of which was put on last September, the South St. Louis Express for stations 9, 11 and 13, and the Benton Express for station 28.

The transportation of the books is one of the problems to be met in the near future. The only hope for the indefinite increase of the circulation is in the development of the Delivery Stations; and if the present increase is to continue, ampler provisions must be made to meet it. As it is, the routes are so long and the loads so heavy that it is often impossible to make schedule time. On account of this, the drivers are compelled to start out very early in the morning; and frequently they are compelled to wait from 15 minutes to half an hour before some of the stations are open. This, of course, causes delay and confusion at the Library, besides giving

considerable trouble to the other station-keepers and to the public, the books often not being delivered until late in the afternoon. There is a continual complaint from a number of the station keepers on this account. Past records show the desirability of changing to daily deliveries as soon as possible. The percentage of increase over the preceding year for the seven daily stations was 91 2-5 per cent. The percentage of increase for the same period of the seven largest bi-weekly stations was 33 1-3 per cent.

The following table shows the work of the delivery stations in detail from month to month:

DELIVERY STATION ISSUE. FROM MAY, 1897, TO MAY, 1898.

			July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	Total
Sch'ls Stati'n	5108	3435	860	1011	917	1136	5550	3717	3611	4856	7830	8212	46243
1	420	327	313	291	358	307	366	403	412	385	465	355	4402
2	497	438	399	435	402	406	496	533	547	551	652	618	5974
3	351	271	257	225	225	189	246	247	289	298	387	296	3281
4 5	320 451	368 335	361 403	388 389	349 339	458 308	720 286	817 334	903 430	947 429	1130 480	1027 458	7788 4642
	510	395	377	346	347	284	432	533	502	453	560	457	5196
$\frac{6}{7}$	606	504	332	289	312	267	319	390	580	544	746	704	5593
8	457	503	463	356	253	281	359	349	384	500	674	829	5408
9	78	83	89	99	97	122	127	133	117	132	118	123	1318
10	447	425	381	404	296	338	365	373	406	414	520	522	4891
11	359	394	278	271	209	277	300	379	364	345	396	370	3942
12	178	258	205	202	155	222	367	483	1086	1586	2353	1882	8977
13	191	200	151	176	157	168	151	132	139	151	204	202	2022
14 15	696 210	766 220	609 173	536	450	663	894	971	1963 203	2721 227	3123	2364	15756 2288
16	632	563	514	- 191 432	93 471	127 471	153 459	160 492	547	554	326 598	205 594	6327
17	475	420	302	329	313	286	288	338	296	317	399	381	4144
18	451	458	487	425	466	458	469	475	541	568	698	667	6163
19	417	375	376	279	248	260	306	483	530	527	588	566	4955
20	926	912	814	705	684	550	531	529	628	596	693	658	8226
21	482	460	380	389	348	301	251	299	296	309	384	404	4303
22	943	808	708	729	770	752	843	900	1032	1158	1563	1554	11760
23	476	378	339	332	273	334	358	368	396	472	524	518	4768
24		000			200	4	102	160	196	249	293	269	1273
$\frac{25}{26}$	784 120	868 139	755 133	777 149	699 159	812 130	876 119	916 144	1002 161	1057 173	1342 185	1156 176	11044 1788
27	211	254	206	222	256	229	229	237	280	287	313	339	3063
28	112	105	101	60	78	57	54	106	106	109	117	81	1086
29	436	362	340	300	291	264	295	305	418	480	639	528	4658
30	445	383	369	330	309	269	334	372	368	355	361	310	4205
31					9	37	49	60	81	111	114	96	557
32							42	81	86	96	143	115	563
33							21	61	176	531	806	777	2372
34										86	222	222	530
Norther Broadw		trai po	wer no	iuse			65 65	95 121	110	106 100	129 91	102 58	607 536
Citizen's						••••••	50	76	71	55	73	77	402
Lindell				"			55	91	105	131	170	153	705
Park A									100	16	44	- 53	113
Taylor	Avenu	e		"						50	118	88	256
Vandev		Ave,		"						51	78	73	202
Y. M. C.	A									3	13	17	33
Total	17789	15407	11475	11067	10333	10767	16992	16663	19463	23086	30662	28656	212360

To bring the issue statistics up to date, I give below the leading figures for the calendar year 1898, which shows that the total issue falls but a little short of a million.

MONTHLY ISSUE FOR THE YEAR, 1898.

Month.	Home.	Library.	Reading Room.	Total.
January	61,022	7,575	22,973	91,570
February	62,570	6,485	20,994	90,049
March	72,590	7,848	22,990	103,428
April	65,516	6,734	20,621	92,871
May	57,096	5,951	16,427	79,474
June	46,037	4,188	12,956	63,181
July	45,805	3,759	10,389	59,953
August	46,068	4,277	9,380	59,725
September	49,384	4,825	14,207	68,416
October	48,243	5,553	15,074	68,870
November	64,742	5,864	16,988	87,594
December	67,956	5,544	19,248	92,748
				
Total ('98)	687,029	68,603	202,247	957,879
Total ('97)	613,876	61,902	191,549	867,327
Gain	73,153	6,701	10,698	$90,\!552$

DELIVERY STATION DEPARTMENT.

Delivery Station Issue	$184,723 \\ 74,402$
Total issue from January to December, 1898 1897	259,125 171,385
Gain of 1898 over 1897	

HOLIDAY ISSUE FOR THE YEAR 1897-98.

	Home Issue.	Library.	Reading Room.	Total.
Decoration Day	2,042	123	481	2,646
July 5	414	86	218	718
Labor Day	1,320	143	458	1,921
Thanksgiving Day	824	107	481	1,412
Christmas Day	81	79	232	392
New Year's Day	790	144	540	1,474
Washington's Birthday	2,550	231	863	3,644
Total	8,021	913	3,273	12,207
Average	1,145	130	468	1,743
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SUMMARIES.

Home issue, regular library	1896-97 $537,583$ $13,476$	1897-98 $630,256$ $16,915$
Total home issue	551,059	$ \begin{array}{r} 647,171 \\ 551,059 \end{array} $
Gain in home issue		96,112

	1896-97	1897-98
Library issue	51,240	69,070 $51,240$
Gain in library issue		17,830
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Total issue of books	602,299	716,241 602,299
Gain in issue of books		113,942
Reading room issue		204,259 184,729
Gain in reading room issue	······	19,530
Total issue in all departments	787,028	920,500 787,028
Gain in 1897-1898		133,472
Largest week day issue, Saturday, March 12, 1898.	Smallest week day issue, T Sept. 16, 1897.	hursday,
Home issue 4,158. Library issue 336 Reading room issue 904	Home issue Library issue Reading room issue	198
Total 5,398	Total	1,746
Largest Sunday issue, March 27, 1898.	Smallest Sunday issue, 1897.	July 4
Library issue	Library issue Reading-room issue	
Total 486	. Total	145
Total Sunday issue.	Average Sunday issue.	
Library issue 3,219	Library issue	
Reading room issue14,289	Reading-room	275
Total17,508	Total	33'
Average daily issue.	Average week-day issue.	
Home issue 2,067	Home issue	
Library issue	Library issue Reading-room issue	
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MISCELLANEOUS WORK OF THE CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT.

The system that enables one receiving clerk and one issue clerk to receive and issue 300 volumes in an hour, which counts with absolute exactness how many volumes were issued every day in each of the thirteen main classes—which tells how many and what books are "out" at any moment, in whose hands each book is and when it will be due and shows at a glance what books are overdue—which enables us to ascertain

how many times each volume in the Library has been issued, and furnishes other information at times necessary or desirable, appears very simple in its final application to the one end in view; viz., putting the books into the hands of readers and getting them back again. But, as in the case of any smoothly working and effective piece of machinery, there are many nice adjustments, and much work done that does not meet the eye. A somewhat detailed explanation of the process by which the records of the registration and circulation departments are kept may be found in my report for 1894-5. A few figures will serve to illustrate the work involved in keeping accounts with 45,000 people of all ages and conditions. The routine of the circulation department required the sending of 10,379 notices; 9,880 for books overdue, 416 notifications to guarantors regarding delinquencies of those for whom they were sponsors, and 83 to persons whose houses were reported for infectious diseases, telling them to turn their books over to the Health Commissioner for disinfection. The work of this department also included the writing of 27,059 book cards to replace those that had been filled. In 374 cases a second notice failed to secure the return of the books overdue, and a messenger was sent for the book. Of these, 355 were secured, leaving 19 that had not been returned at the end of the year; of the volumes sent through the delivery stations, 15 were lost. This made a total loss of 34 volumes out of 647,000, less than five-thousandths of one per cent.

It was necessary to prosecute 30 delinquents in the courts, 28 in the police and two in the circuit courts. All the cases were decided in favor of the Library.

CHILDREN'S ROOM—THE LIBRARY AND THE SCHOOLS.

In December, 1897, the juvenile collection was placed in the Medical Room, which had been very little used. The room is not large enough to hold all the juvenile books, and the overflow is shelved in the adjacent section of the stack. The tables in the room are full every afternoon, and on Saturdays the room and the aisles of the stack are so crowded that passage through them is difficult. A room not less than six times as large ought to be provided, and fifty such rooms should be opened in the different parts of the city. The cost would be comparatively little, and the benefits to the city incalculable.

A beginning has been made towards supplying the public schools with good reading. During the winter of 1897-8 books for the first four grades were supplied to twenty schools. The work has been extended this winter to include about half the schools. The books are sent in sets of 30 copies, to be kept a month at each school and then exchanged. The success of the plan depends entirely on the teachers. Most teachers welcome the aid, while some regard the plan with indifference; and a few seem to think the supplying of general reading not a proper function of the schools and an uncompensated tax upon their time. On the other hand, a number of the teachers are calling for more books than we have thus far been able to supply.

The opening of a special room for the Young Folk's Department

brought some very acceptable gifts from friends of the Library. Supt. Gurney, of Shaw's Garden, at once beautified the room with potted plants, which he has since supplied for all the rooms. He also presented a number of gold fish, which are a constant source of pleasure to the little people. Thanks are due also to Mrs. George O. Carpenter and the ladies of the Art League for beautiful and appropriate pictures which have adorned the walls of the room.

THE VALUE OF A PUBLIC LIBRARY.

On a bright day of last June the little town of Arbroath in Scotland celebrated an event of the greatest and happiest significance to its inhabitants, to them and to their successors for all time. Factories and shops were closed and all customary vocations suspended. Houses were decorated with flags and festive garlands. A grand procession, containing representatives of all the public bodies, trades, friendly societies and other organizations with symbolic floats, a detachment of the volunteers with their full military band, the magistrates and town councillors and distinguished guests and citizens in carriages and the whole completed by the school children of the city, marched through the principal streets. The Arbroath Herald, which devotes the greater part of its next issue to a detailed and illustrated account of the event, says of the procession: "Its magnitude was even greater than the demonstration on the occasion of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee last year." Among the distinguished guests was the Hon. John Morley, the well-known author and member of Parliament, and one of the leaders of the Liberal party.

The occasion of the demonstration was the dedication of a free library building given to the town by one of its noble citizens, Councillor Corsar.

With a few simple words, Mr. Corsar handed to the Provost (Mayor) of the city the deed of gift, the preamble of which recites the donor's reasons for making the gift, viz., "the desire to promote the moral and intellectual well-being of the inhabitants of my native town, and being also desirous of acknowledging the goodness of God in vouchsafing to me the blessings which I have enjoyed as well as the confidence my fellow townsmen have reposed in me and the kindness they have shown to me during bygone years."

In his speech at the presentation ceremony, Mr. Morley expressed his views on the value of a public library in the following words, which I wish might be read by every citizen of St. Louis, and especially those who might, individually or in combination, do for St. Louis what David Corsar has done for his native town.

"It is very evident, from this enormous gathering, that you very cordially appreciate what has been done for this town. In old days, in the old cities of Italy and of Greece, when a great statue was to be unveiled by some great artist, or a great picture was known to have been completed by some master hand, it was the fashion amongst those communities in their love of beauty and art to come forth, much as you have come forth to-day, to welcome the new addition to the wealth and to the beauty of the world. So you to-day—you have come forth to welcome the

addition to your town of what ought to be a boon of priceless value to it. These flags and banners and bands show that you regard this no ordinary occasion; and no ordinary occasion is it. It is an opening to you of a treasure-house of all the wise and silent teachers of the world. It is the unsealing of a fountain whence the richest streams will flow in increasing volume. You are all aware of that, and you all feel it. I am not going to attempt on this occasion to expatiate to you upon the delights and the uses of books and of reading. Nearly all that can be said upon the great and admirable subject has been said by far wiser and greater men than I can pretend to be. They have told you what literature does for you-what books can do for you if rightly used-how they enrich life, how they refresh it, how they console it. They have shown in eloquent, sincere, and true words that after the first absolute necessities of life have been satisfied, then a taste for wise reading, and a cultivation of habits of wise reading, is almost the next necessary in a full and well-filled life. I am not going to repeat all these things. You well know how from books and books alone, from libraries rightly used and from them alone you can have the quickening of intelligence, that awakening up of drowsy thoughts and slumbering impulses. You know all these things. I will only say one thing more. Ladies and gentlemen, you show me a man or a woman who is tolerant, whose reading has made him or her tolerant, patient, candid, a truth-seeker and a truth-lover, then I will show you a well-read man or woman. I have always thought that an admirable definition of the purposes of libraries and books, which was given, years ago, by a well-known man of letters when he said-"Their object is to bring more sunshine into the lives of our fellow countrymen, more good will, more good humor, more of the habit of being well pleased with one another.' That is one of the great purposes of wise reading. I will make a little addition to it. The purpose is-yes, to bring sunshine into our hearts and to drive moonshine out of our heads.

"With these words I will only again express my own sense of the service which Mr. Corsar has rendered, not only to you who are here, but to your children and your children's children. He has done a work to which there can be no drawback. In many philanthropic and benevolent things there is a drawback. In the opening of a fountain of light like this there is no drawback to be imagined or to be conceived, and I am perfectly sure that his name, and the names of all who have helped to promote this enterprise and to bring it to a successful issue, will be gratefully remembered by every inhabitant of Arbroath, and by everybody whom they influence."

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK M. CRUNDEN,

February, 1899.

Librarian.

STATE OF MISSOURI, CITY OF ST. LOUIS. \(\) SS.

Before me, the undersigned, a notary public within and for the city of St. Louis, Mo., appeared Edw. L. Preetorius, personally known to me, who, being duly sworn by me, stated that the statement of receipts and expenditures of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library contained in the foregoing report of the Librarian for the year ending April 30, 1898, on account of City appropriation and other sources, is true and correct.

EDW. L. PREETORIUS, Chairman Auditing Committee, Board of Directors St. Louis Public (Free) Library.

Sworn and subscribed to before me, this twenty-fifth day of February, 1899.

(Seal.)

GUSTAVUS M. BAARE, Notary Public, City of St. Louis, Mo.

My term expires March 14, 1901.

STATE OF MISSOURI, CITY OF ST. LOUIS. \} ss.

Before the undersigned, a notary public within and for the city of St. Louis, Mo., appeared F. M. Crunden, Librarian of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library, who is personally known to me, who, upon being by me duly sworn, stated that the foregoing report of the Board of Directors of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library is true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

F. M. CRUNDEN,

Librarian.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 24th day of February, 1899.

(Seal.)

Gustavus M. Baare, Notary Public, City of St. Louis.

My term expires March 14, 1901.



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ARTHUR LEE	1898
T. A. MEYSENBURG	1899
JOHN A. NIES	1900
THOS. O'REILLY, M. D.	1899
EDWARD L. PREETORIUS	1899
VACANCY	

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Messrs. O'REILLY and LEE. Vacancy.

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JOHN A. NIES	1900
EDWARD L. PREETORIUS	1902
ELLIS WAINWRIGHT	1900
Two vacancies filled in October, 1899, by the appointment of	
O'NEILL RYAN	1902
JOHN F. LEE'	1901

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LIBRARY STAFF.

MAY, 1899.

Librarian	FREDERICK M. CRUNDEN.
	JOSEPH F. LANGTON.
JONATHAN W. GEORGE.	Second Assistant—Issue Department.
	Chief Cataloguer.
	General Assistant. Superintendent of Delivery Stations.
PIERCE B. BARNARD	
	Assistant Shelf Curator.
	Superintendent Reading Room.
	Superintendent Juvenile Department
	Reference Department.
	Assistant Cataloguer.
SYLVIA M. ALLEN	
ELSE MILLER	
	Registration Clerk.
ROSA M. LEEPER	Pamphlets.
	Assistant Cataloguer.
HELEN TUTT	Cataloguing Department.
CLARA R. DEAN	Junior Clerk.
EDMUND J. McMAHON	Junior Clerk.
JOSEPH BRANNIGAN	Junior Clerk.
JOHN L. PARKER	
LESTER BERND	Junior Clerk.
-	APPRENTICES.
W. B. A. TAYL	
-	
	MESSENGERS.
JAMES HACKETT. M. M. GLAUBER.	CARL ALTHANS. RICHARD ULRICH.
	LEE HILDEBRAND.
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ST. LOUIS PUBLIC (FREE) LIBRARY.

St. Louis, Mo., April 20th, 1900.

To Hon. Henry Ziegenhein, Mayor of St. Louis:

DEAR SIR:—In making report for the year ending April 30th, 1899, the Board of Directors of the Public Library have little occasion to do more than call attention to the report of the Librarian for the same period. This report, which is submitted herewith, shows in detail the receipts and expenditures of the Board, the present state of its finances, and the administration of the Library.

The destruction by fire of a number of the buildings on the ground heretofore purchased as a site for a library building, materially reduced for a time the income of the Board. The money received on account of insurance was applied to a reduction of the incumbrance upon the property, and this having been further reduced by payments made from time to time, the saving on interest account has fully offset the loss of revenue occasioned by the fire.

A new lease of the Library quarters has been made with the School Board, at a rent of twenty-five hundred dollars per year less than the former rate.

The number of books has been increased, new delivery stations have been established, and the usefulness of the Library has been augmented by all the means within the power of the Board.

It is gratifying to note that every extension of the facilities of the Library has been met by an increased use of them. More people are availing themselves of its advantages than ever before. The large incumbrance upon the property of the Board, with the interest charge it entails, materially reduces the revenues available for administration purposes; but this incumbrance is being steadily, though slowly, reduced, with a consequent steady, though slow, improvement of the Board's finances.

The one thing essential to make the Library the beneficent agency it is capable of being, is an appropriate building of its own. If the ground now occupied by the Exposition building could be acquired, it would be a long step toward securing the building. This ground belongs to the city. It was in part bought for, and in part dedicated to, park purposes. It should not be permitted to be used for purposes of private gain or advantage. Consistently with its uses as a park, a public library may be constructed and maintained upon it. We believe that public opinion is decidedly in favor of the city's resuming this tract of land and restoring it to appropriate public uses. We sincerely trust that the proper steps may be taken to bring about this desirable result.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. LEHMANN,

President of the Board.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

To the Honorable Board of Directors of the St. Louis Public Library:—

I have the honor to submit herewith my sixth annual report as Librarian, for the year ending April 30, 1899.

During the year 7,896 volumes were added to the collection, of which 1,871 were gifts; more than 12,000 new readers were registered; four new delivery stations were established, making a total of 38; the home issue increased to 698,339 volumes; and the total issue fell little short of the million mark.

FINANCES.

The following table exhibits in detail the receipts and expenditures. Some points in the financial record of the year deserve special attention; and other items of interest will be better understood if restated in another form. The essential facts are as follows:—

The revenue from the city tax of one-fifth of a mill was \$71,340.13, an increase of \$3,701.68 over the previous year.

The desk receipts (chiefly from fines and the issue of extra volumes) amounted to \$3,901.72, an increase of \$61.86 over the previous year.

Rentals from real estate amounted to \$12,328.55; and during the year payments were made on real estate aggregating \$88,347.95. Of this sum, \$40,000 (of which \$39,552.72 was insurance on five buildings burned) was a principal payment on the new building site. On this account, also, two interest notes were paid to the St. Louis Trust Co. amounting to \$19,776.25. Final payments of \$15,450 to the Lumsden heirs and \$8,586 to D. Nugent were made on the S. E. corner of Locust and 17th Sts. Additional expenses connected with the real estate purchase and the fire were \$1,367.51 paid to the Trust Co. for title investigations and conveyancing, \$1,978.70 to J. D. Fitzgibbon for wrecking burned buildings, \$1,008.21 for repairs on property and commissions for rent collection, and \$181.18 for miscellaneous expenses. A detailed statement of the payments made on real estate purchases up to January, 1899, was included in my last annual report.

The total expenditure for maintenance was \$55,811.21, which is \$2,640.69 less than that of the previous year.

The cost of quarters occupied appears under seven items in the table of expenditures: Rent, light, elevator salaries, elevator power, elevator Sundays and holidays, fuel Sundays and holidays, and water. The sum of these was \$10,655.56. This included light, power, and elevator salaries for 13 months. By the terms of the new lease, which took effect March 1, 1899, all these items are included in a gross rental of \$7,500 a year. This is a saving of, in a round sum, \$2,500 a year. It is also a saving in the trouble of keeping so many different accounts.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 10, 1899.

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To bal. in City Treas., April 11, 1898	\$ 5,692 49	
Collections, April 11, 1898—April 10, 1899	71,340 13	\$77,032 62
Bal. in Bank Fund, April 11, 1898		14,700 70
Bal. in Contingent Fund, April 1, 1898		96 23
Collection of Duplicates		
Cards sold 711 85		
Magazines sold	756 58	
Fines	2,514 68	
Books sold, lost and paid for	165 80	
Catalogues	203 25	
Lost cards	194 04	
Postal cards, (for books reserved)	17 67	
Miscellaneous	49 70	3,901 72
± '		·
Rent (from property bought in April, 1898) Interest	•	$\begin{array}{c} 12,328 \ 55 \\ 476 \ 24 \end{array}$
Boiler sold		75 00
Wreckage	•	115 00
Insurance		39,552 72
(D-4-)	•	140.070.70
Total		148,278 78
Cr.		
By salaries		24,762 26
Books, Main Collection	6,101 13	
Collection of Duplicates	213 06	
Binding Periodicals	5,525 65 $1,115$ 47	
1 6110d10a15	1,110 17	12,955 31
Building (real estate purchased)	88,347 95	,
Rent	5,416 66	
Light	1,979 34	
Elevator salary	1,462 50	
Elevator powerElevator (Sundays and holidays)	1,282 89 333 02	
Fuel (Sundays and holidays)	103 15	
Water	78 00	
Insurance, Library\$ 558 75		
" Real estate 902 15	1,460 90	100 054 70
		100,954 70
Expense.	0.000 54	
Printing and Stationery	$2,226 54 \\ 463 68$	
Advertising Delivery Stations	1,725 50	
Postage	252 46	
Expense	729 87	
Supplies	88 84	F 400 00
The total arms and alternate (in almain arms alternate)		5,486 89
Total expenditures (including real estate investment).		144,159 16
Bal. in Bank Fund, April 12, 1899		1,575 59
Bal. in Contingent Fund, April 1, 1899		76 07
Bal. in City Treasury Fund, April 10, 1899		2,467 96
		\$148 978 78
		\$148,278 78

REGISTRATION.

The total registration up to April 30, 1898, was 46,636. Additions to April 30, 1899, brought up the total to 58,951. Details are given in the following table:— Registration to April 30, 1898..... 46,636 Additions to April 30, 1899 12,315 58,951 Total registration to April 30, 1899..... Expired 12,357 Less re-registered 8,262 4.095 50,689 Net registration 12,578 14,733 Men..... Women Children 23,299 Institutions 50,689 Net registration.... Cancelled 281Guarantors withdrawn..... 454 3,735 Held for fines 3,000 46.954 Total cards in force..... Teachers' cards. Extra cards. Issued to April 30, 1898..... 3,765 915 Additions to April 10, 1899 293

ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY.

Total

1,481

5,246

1,208

The demands on our maintenance fund for payments on the building site necessarily cut down the book fund from the time the first real estate investment was made. The purchases for the year numbered 5,579 volumes. Adding to this periodicals and pamphlets bound and gifts to the number of 1,871 volumes, we have a total of 7,896 volumes catalogued and placed on the shelves. Deductions for books worn out, lost and paid for, etc., leave a net increase of 6,157 volumes. Full particulars appear in the following tables:

ADDITIONS FOR YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1899.

Classes. Philosophy	Reg. Library. 78 134 1,177 757 430 1,231 2,685 184 409 360	Coll. of Duplicates	Totals. 78 134 1,177 757 430 1,682 2,685 184 409 360
Cyclopædias and Periodicals	7,445	451	7,896

Source.			
Purchase	5,128	451	5,579
Gift	1,871		1,871
Pamphlets, bound	28		28
Periodicals, bound	418		418
•			
	7,445	451	7,896
Language.			
English	7,056	451	7,507
English French	143		143
German	132		132
Other	14		14
	7,445	451	7,896

48 periodicals were purchased to complete sets.

BOOKS WORN OUT, LOST AND PAID FOR, ETC.

Worn out and condemned	10	1,472 146 70
Charged to card-holders Drawn for use in reading room	$\frac{46}{5}$	51
Drawn for use in reading room	_	
Total		1,739
Total additions		7,896
Less above		1,739
Net increase		6,157

Of the 1,472 volumes worn out, 532 were replaced by new copies; and of the 146 lost and paid for, 70 were replaced.

IMPORTANT ADDITIONS.

While the greater part of our book fund has of necessity been devoted to meeting the demand for popular books, and in particular the wants of the increasing number of juvenile readers, the interests of students and the more serious class of readers have not been overlooked. Many volumes of solid and enduring worth have been added to the collection.

The following list will serve to illustrate the character of the more costly purchases of the year:

AMERICAN Philosophical Soc. Transactions. 36v. O.

BIRD, G. W. Wanderings in Burma.

BROOKE, S. A. History of early English literature. 2v.

Brothers, A. Photography.

Browne, J. C. Lambeth Palace.

Browning, R. and E. Letters. 2v.

Brugmann, K. Comparative grammar of the Indo-Germanic languages. v. 3-4 and index.

CENTURY atlas of the world.

CHILD, F. J. English and Scottish popular ballads. 5v. Q.

COOK, Capt. Journal during his first voyage round the world.

CRAWFORD, F. M. · Ave Roma immortalis. 2v.

DONKIN, B. The heat efficiency of steam boilers.

ELLIOTT, C. W. Book of American interiors.

FERGUSSON, J. The Parthenon.

FORD, P. L., ed. Essays on the constitution of the U. S.

GORHAM, G. C. Life and public services of Edwin M. Stanton. 2v.

GRIFFITHS, T. M. Non-secret formulas.

HAMERTON, P. G. Drawing and engraving.

HARPER'S dictionary of classical literature and antiquities.

Hastings, J., and others. Dictionary of the Bible. v. 1.

HEDIN, S. Through Asia. 2v.

IRISH monthly magazine. 23v. O.

JEFFERSON, T. Writings; ed. by P. L. Ford. v. 9.

JOHNSON, B. E. Atlas of St. Louis County.

KING, C. R. Life and correspondence of Rufus King. v. 5.

LANDOR, A. H. S. In the forbidden land. 2v.

LARPENTEUR, C. Forty years a fur trader. 2v.

Lodge, H. C. The story of the Revolution. 2v.

Low, S., pub. English catalogue of books. 1890-97.

McCarthy, J. Story of Gladstone's life.

MACEY, F. W. Specifications in detail.

MENDELEEFF, D. Principles of chemistry. 2v. O.

Monroe, J. Writings. v. 2.

Moses, J. Illinois. 2v.

Munro, R. The lake dwellings of Europe. Nansen, F. Farthest north. 2v.

Peabody Inst. Library. 2d catalogue. v. 3.

Peary, R. E. Northward over the great ice. 2v. O.

Phipson, C. B. The redemption of labour. 2v.

PRATT, A. T. C. People of the period.

RAND, McNally & Co.'s enlarged business atlas and shippers' guide. 29th ed.

REVUE encyclopédique. 1891-98. 8v.

SUFFOLK and Berkshire, Earl of. Encyclopædia of sport. 2v.

TAVERNIER, J. B. Travels in India. 2v.

THOMPSON, S. P. Dynamo-electric machinery.

THUE, W. C. A B C universal telegraphic code. O.

TOYNBEE, P. Dictionary of Dante.

TREITSCHKE, H. v. Politik. 2v.

VONDEL. Lucifer; tr. by C. Van Noppen.

Webb, S. and B. Industrial democracy. 2v.

WILKINS, W. H. Romance of Isabel, Lady Burton. 2v.

WOODBURY, W. E. Encyclopædic dictionary of photography.

ZEITSCHRIFT für Criminal-Anthropologie.

EXCHANGES AND DONATIONS.

The donations and exchanges show the unprecedented total of 2,492 volumes and 8,490 pamphlets. These came from 1,508 sources, a list of which is given in an appendix. The steadylincrease in the receipts from this source is the result of systematic and persistent effort. Much greater returns could be obtained through exchanges if we had room for the orderly arrangement of our duplicate books and pamphlets. Piled on the floor and stowed away in corners, much material that would bring valuable exchanges is wholly unavailable.

During the year we returned to the U. S. Superintendent of Public Documents 761 volumes and 43 pamphlets, and sent 100 volumes and 36 pamphlets to foreign and 24 volumes and 11 pamphlets to domestic exchanges, making a total of 892 volumes and 90 pamphlets.

Among the more notable gifts of the year were 19 volumes and 62 pamphlets, chiefly Jewish literature, from the late Isidor Bush; a complete set of bound volumes of the St. Louis Tageblatt from the editor, Dr. A. Hepner; 16 volumes of Directories of the principal cities of the United States from Mr. D. B. Gould; a beautiful folio, "Le Musée National à Amsterdam," from the Consul General of the Netherlands; 14 important publications of the government of New South Wales, from the N. S. W. Public Library; 10 volumes of the Index, from Mr. F. M. Holland, Concord, Mass.; and the regular annual addition to the McAnally Collection from Dr. D. R. McAnally.

CONTENTS OF THE LIBRARY.

The inventory recently completed, the result of which will appear in my next report, will furnish a basis for a more accurate statement of the contents of the Library than can be given now. Based on the inventory of 1897, the following table shows approximately the

CLASSIFIED CONTENTS OF THE LIBRARY, APRIL 30, 1899.

	Main	Coll. of			
Classes.	Coll.	Duplicates.	Totals		
Philosophy	1,378	Dupiteates.	1,378		
Religion	4,825		4,825		
Social Science	17,269		17,269		
Natural Science	16,162	4	16,166		
Art and Poetry	7,100	7	7,107		
Fiction	23,623	1,662	25,285		
Juvenile Literature	20,602	2	20,604		
Literary Miscellany	6,252	16	6,268		
Geography and History	15,223	14	15,237		
Cyclopædias and Magazines	11,023	4	11,027		
7 - 1					
Total	123,457	1,709	125,166		
Unentered duplicates and books and periodicals	not vet	catalogued			
(about)			5,500		
(about)		_			
			130,666		
Doducting books worn out lost and naid for	r ota		1,739		
Deducting books worn out, lost and paid for, etc					
Total estimated contents of the Library, Ag	mil 20 10	00	128,927		
Total estimated contents of the Library, Ap)III 50, 18	JJ	120,921		

BINDING.

Besides periodicals and collections of pamphlets, a number of books received in paper covers were bound, making a total of 1,450 volumes bound for the first time, at an average cost of 55 cents per volume.

11,719 volumes were rebound at a cost of \$4,978.08, or an average of 42 cents.

A new contract made in February gives a somewhat lower scale of prices and excludes all charge for replacing pockets. On our present amount of binding this will effect a saving of four or five hundred dollars a year.

Besides these volumes bound or rebound by contract, 8,949 volumes

were repaired in the Library at a cost of \$332.96 for wages and material, an average of four cents per volume. This repair work lessens considerably the amount of rebinding. It includes various grades from patching or replacing a few leaves to providing new covers for a volume. Of the total, 174 volumes were thus practically rebound.

CIRCULATION.

The number of books issued for home reading increased from 647,171 to 698,339, a gain of 51,138, or 7.42 per cent; while the total issue increased from 920,500 to 959,854. The daily average issue in all departments (on week-days) was 3,096. The average Sunday issue was 295. The largest issue in one day was 5,646 on Monday, Feb. 27; the smallest, 1,760, on Thursday, Oct. 20. Full details appear in the following tables:

ISSUE BY MONTHS FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1899.

		HOME	ISSUE.		LIBRARY ISSUE.		
	Main Library.	Delivery Stations.	Schools.	Total.	Library.	Reading Room.	Total
May June July August September October November December January February March April Total, 1898, '99 Total, 1897-'98 Gain Loss	32048 29488 32487 32861 32282 35172 368492 40386 41171 42920 37659 429760 434811	18995 15667 13320 13207 16802 13134 14483 15435 16049 18365 23478 21466 200401 166117 34284	6058 932 13410 15816 9642 10007 6294 6019 68178 46243 21935	57096 46037 45807 46086 49084 48306 64742 67743 66077 69543 72692 65144 698339 647171 51138	5951 4188 3759 4227 4823 5584 5856 6610 6887 7296 5105 65782 69070	16427 12956 10389 9380 14207 15074 16988 19248 20730 19924 22658 17802 195783 204259	79474 63181 59955 59725 68114 68964 87586 92437 93417 96304 102646 88051 959854 920500
				7.42			4.1

CLASSIFIED CIRCULATION.

	Home	Per	Library	Per	Total	Per
	Issue.	Cent.	Issue.	Cent.	Issue.	Cent.
Philosophy Religion Social Science Natural Science Art Poetry Fiction Juvenile Literary Miscellany Travels History Biography Cyclopædias and Magazines.	3880	.48	1366	2.08	4746	.62
	3533	.51	2095	3.19	5628	.73
	7497	.08	5015	7.62	12512	1.63
	12901	1.85	6922	10.56	19823	2.60
	6721	.96	3966	6.03	10687	1.40
	10028	1.43	3933	5.90	13961	1.80
	363251	52.01	12780	19.44	376031	49.21
	245262	35.27	1307	1.97	246569	32.27
	11194	1.60	4838	7.35	16032	2.10
	8396	1.20	3512	5.34	11908	1.55
	9556	1.37	3733	5.67	13289	1.73
	8829	1.26	5562	8.18	14191	1.85
	6791	.98	10903	6.58	17694	2.21
Total'	698339	100.00	65732	100.00	764071	100.00

DELIVERY STATIONS AND DEPOSITORIES.

By the addition of four new stations the number of delivery stations was increased to 38. With the exception of three, these are all located in drug stores, the proprietors of which find their compensation for the service in the custom thus attracted to their stores. Besides these stations nineteen Sunday-schools were supplied with collections of books ranging from 30 to 300 volumes. There were also six other depositories with from 40 to 175 volumes. A complete list of stations and depositories, together with the circulation through each, will be found in an appendix.

Readers may secure all the privileges of the circulating department without coming to the Library. During the year 6,278 persons registered through the delivery stations. The total circulation through the stations and depositories was 268,579, an increase of 56,219 over the previous year. The items were as follows:—

Stations. Home issue	72,738
	268 579

SUPPLEMENTARY READING IN THE SCHOOLS.

In addition to the circulation through stations and depositories, the use of books was extended by a system of traveling libraries in the public schools. By the middle of the year we had 209 sets of books, numbering 6,167 volumes, passing from one school to another in accordance with a systematic plan. These books, selected with the aid of a committee of principals, were nearly all for the first four grades. Each box contained 30 copies of a book adapted to a certain grade, and was kept six weeks by each school and then passed on to the next school on the prearranged list. Towards the end of the year, i. e., March 1st, 1899, a change of plan was adopted. It was found that some principals and teachers did not care for the books and allowed the boxes to lie unopened, while others were eager to get them. Instead, therefore, of starting the boxes on a regular round, they are kept till called for, and a list of the sets on hand is sent each month to every principal. This work could be greatly extended if we had funds to buy the necessary books. Thus far we have not been able to supply even the lowest grades, though a few sets have been provided for the seventh and eighth grades. Up to the close of the year only 26 schools had used the books to any extent. They were the following: -

Arlington, Bates, Benton, Carondelet, Carr, Chouteau, Charless, Clay, Clinton, Columbia, Cote Brilliante, Divoll, Dozier, Dumas, Elleardville, Fremont, Gratiot, Hodgen, Meramec, Marquette, Mt. Pleasant, Penrose, Stoddard, Walnut Park, Webster, Wheatley.

The Library was open every day in the year. The figures for Sunday and holiday issue, maximum and minimum issue and daily averages will be found in the following summaries; also the issue on each of the five legal holidays. Local and occasional holidays are not included, as they differ but little from other days.

SUMMARIES.

	1897-98 1898-99
Home issue, main library	
Home issue, coll. of duplicates	
Total home issue	
Gain in home issue	51,168
Library issue, reference included	
Gain in library issue	3,338
Total issue of booksReading room issue	,
Total issue in all departments	920,500 959,854
Gain in 1898-1899	
Largest week day issue, Monday, Feb. 27, 1899. Desk issue	Smallest week day issue, Thursday, Oct. 20, 1898. Desk issue
Total home issue	Total home issue
Total library issue 1,055	Total library issue 635
Total5,646	Total
Largest Sunday issue, March 5, 1899.	Smallest Sunday issue, August 28, 1898.
Reading-room issue 418 Library issue 116	Reading-room 103 Library use 21
Total534	Total
A C 3	Markal Constant
Average Sunday issue. Library issue	Total Sunday issue. Library issue
Reading-room 240	Reading-room
Total295	Total
Average daily issue.	Average week-day issue.
Home issue 2,253	Home issue 2,253
Library issue	Library issue 212
	Reading-room issue 631
Total	Total 3,096

HOLIDAY ISSUE.

	Home		Reading	
/	Issue.	Library.	Room.	Total.
Decoration Day	1,709	164	642	2,515
Fourth of July	65	19	124	208
Labor Day	1,392	121	480	1,993
Election Day	986	163	574	1,723
Thanksgiving Day	1,375	92	553	2,020
Christmas Day	152	86	376	614
New Year's Day	533	96	677	1,306
Washington's Birthday	2,539	284	815	3,638
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Total	8,751	1,025	4,241	14,017
Average holiday issue	1,094	128	530	1,752

MISCELLANEOUS WORK OF THE CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT.

9,191 first and 2,370 second notices were sent for books overdue, and 99 guarantors were notified.

28,256 new book cards were written to replace those filled.

Of the 698,339 volumes issued during the year, 46 books were charged to card holders and not returned, and 19 were lost through the delivery stations—a total of 65, or less than one in 100,000 books issued. There were also four books drawn for library use and not returned.

READING ROOM.

No account can be kept of the visitors to the newspaper reading-room. The record of periodicals drawn for use in the general reading-room shows a total of 195,783. The two reading-rooms are supplied with 580 newspapers and periodicals. Of these, 360 are donations, which are duly listed in an appendix. There are 39 daily and 28 weekly newspapers. The list of periodicals is made up of 465 American publications, 27 English, 14 German, 5 French, 1 Italian and 1 Polish.

JUVENILE DEPARTMENT.

The wisdom of taking for the use of children the room formerly containing the medical collection has been fully approved. Every afternoon and all day Saturday it is thronged with boys and girls eagerly examining books on the shelves, selecting volumes to carry home and sitting at the tables reading books or magazines. The room has been made more attractive and good reading stimulated by a number of picture charts and lists in connection with the birthdays of great men,—statesmen, artists, poets, etc. These lists, with Thanksgiving and Christmas lists, have been sent to the public schools. Numerous lists of books adapted to the various grades, books to be used in connection with the study of the geography and history of the principal countries of the world, have also been supplied to the schools and given out to parents and children at the Library.

Miss Krug, in charge of the Juvenile Department, visited a number of the schools with a view to finding out their wants and getting into closer touch with the teachers. All the schools within a small radius of the Library make constant use of its privileges. Teachers from these schools have expressed in the warmest terms their appreciation of its helpfulness to them in their arduous work. Many of the children are of foreign parentage, Polish and Russian Jews, Germans, Italians, French, etc.: these children by reading many books, grasp English more quickly than formerly, and soon gain a better vocabulary and better power of expression. But the moral effect is the chief benefit. The reading of attractive books gives an interest that nothing else can supply. Interest is the first essential of acquirement and the foundation of good order. Not only do children who read much, progress more rapidly in their studies, but in those schools where most reading is done there is least friction between teacher and pupils. The principal in whose school the greatest time and attention are given to collateral, or general, reading, tells me that his teachers give no thought to discipline. That takes care of itself. The children are all so interested that they have little disposition for "mischief"-the name we give to the natural activity of a child, which, denied a healthful, seeks a harmful form of expression. Heretofore the whole issue of the Juvenile collection has appeared in the general table under that head. This year, for the first time, a record was kept by classes, which appears as follows:

JUVENILE ISSUE, MAY, 1898, TO MAY, 1899.

May June July	7,818 6,854 7,175	CLASSIFIED	JUVENIL	E ISSUE.
August September	7,722 5,783	T21 - 11		Per Cent.
October	7,119	Fiction Science		$ \begin{array}{r} 86.57 \\ 5.23 \end{array} $
November December	8,103 7,461	Literature	1,206	1.30
January	8,364	Travel History	$\frac{1,917}{2,800}$	$\frac{2.07}{3.02}$
February March	7,988 9,794	Biography	1,563	1.69
April	8,464		92,645	100.00
Total	92,645		·	

READING LISTS.

The help and guidance and stimulus of reading lists has not been confined to public school pupils. All through the year a bulletin board was kept full of reading and reference lists. Every topic of popular interest was thus treated. Immediately upon the death of a distinguished man a list of books relating to him, together with books written by him, was hung up. All special occasions, such as Decoration Day, Arbor Day, Hallowe'en, etc., were treated in the same way. The entries on these lists, kept on cards, form a permanent subject index. The bulletin lists of this year were as follows:

Acropolis in Athens.

Bankruptcy.

Child study.

Cambridge University.

Dogs.

French drama.

Louisiana—Louisiana purchase. Mammoth Cave.

Mammoth Cave. Marine lists.

Military.
Modern Greece.
Modern war.
Monroe doctrine.

Municipal government. Municipal ownership.

Mushrooms. Music. Niagara.

Nicaragua canal. Olympic games.

Opera.

Operas,—Stories and plots.

Philippine Islands. Porto Rico. The Pilgrims. Pre-Raphaelites.

Recreations, sports, and pastimes.

Royal visits. St. Louis. Sanitation. Schiller.

Scotch universities.

Spain.
Stevenson.
Taxation.
Thanksgiving.
Treaties.
Whittier.

Woman suffrage. Wordsworth.

Yellowstone National Park.

There were also printed and distributed by the thousand from the issue desk a list of "Best Hundred Novels," a varied list entitled "Good Books," another headed "One Hundred Good Books," and eight lists containing 20 titles each of "Popular Novels." These last were carefully selected with regard to the tastes of readers not sufficiently cultivated to appreciate the great works of fiction. In particular, they were designed to lead habitual readers of such authors as Mrs. Holmes and Mrs. Southworth to the better class of novels, and thus lessen the demand for the works of writers whose extraordinary popularity is not based on literary worth or ethical value. In every novel of this class issued, either over the counter or through the delivery stations, one of these lists was placed. The convenience of the lists, it was supposed, would lead to their general use as call-slips. The late date at which this report is finally made enables me to say that the expectation was realized; and this winter,* for the first time, the supply of Holmes, Southworth and novelists of that grade,—(which meantime had been reduced) was equal to the demand. The lists (increased this year to fifteen) acted as a specific for a trouble that has long embarrassed librarians and book commit-

Of lists published in the Magazine, reprints were distributed of "Readable Novels," "Interesting Books," "Books for Pastime," and "Best 50 Books for 1897."

The following were prepared in the Juvenile Department, mimeographed and distributed through the schools:

Africa.

Asia. Books for 2nd grade.

" " 3rd " " 4th "

" " 5th and 6th grades. 7th and 8th "

Christmas. Colonial stories. Easy fairy tales and fables. Europe.

Fairy tales and fables. Great Britain and Ireland.

Lincoln.

Mexico and Central America. Sea stories.

Some late books for girls. Washington.

^{*}The latter part of the winter of 1899-1900, The Southworth shelves were empty in November and full in March.

MISSOURI LIBRARY STATUTES.

Missouri is behind most northern and western states in its legislation regarding public libraries. For the information of the public and for convenience of consultation in future, I have brought together the few Missouri statutes relating to public libraries and submit the compilation as an appendix to this report.

THE VALUE OF A PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The needs of St. Louis are many. There is one thing, it has often been said, that would supply them all—one thing that would potentially include all. That is civic pride. As with an individual one successful achievement stimulates personal pride, which leads to further efforts, so it is with a community. Though myself naturally prejudiced, I believe it can be made clear to impartial minds that there is no one achievement that would do so much to foster pride in our city and thus lead to further improvements as the erection of a commodious and beautiful library building. There is no other edifice that could possibly possess for all citizens and visitors the same degree of interest. There is no institution that touches the life of the people so universally. A city hospital is a necessity of community life; but it is not an institution that all the people of the city may constantly use; it is not a pleasant place to visit; strangers would not care to do more than view its outside. Courts and jails are necessary in this stage of civilization, but they are, for most people, places to keep away from. The public library represents the highest expression of community life, the cooperation of all citizens to supply to all the means of the most effective education and of the most elevating and enduring of all pleasures. The opportunities it offers are more available, its influence is more universal than that of any other public institution. It is more thoroughly democratic than even the common school, which we have looked upon as the corner stone of our national greatness. The public school affects the great mass of our citizens during only five or six years; it presupposes parents or guardians to supply sustenance. The public library offers its educational facilities to all ages: it may be used by those who have their bread to earn at an early age; and through its aid they may become better informed, more thoughtful men and better citizens than many who enjoyed the advantages of a college education.

St. Louis is expending nearly \$2,000,000 a year on its public schools. I do not know what addition the cost of private schools would make to this; but I am sure that the expenditure of one-fifth—probably one-tenth—of this amount on the adequate support of a public library would double the value of the education of children in the schools and at the same time offer to all the adolescent and adult population educational opportunities and incentives which only a public library can supply.

Again, St. Louis pays every year for the suppression of crime nearly \$2,000,000. I believe that one-fifth of this amount devoted to making the Public Library in the fullest sense of the term the People's University would in ten years lessen the amount and cost of crime by one-half. Will the people of St. Louis make this most profitable investment? Will one or

more of its wealthy citizens embrace the opportunity to confer the highest of blessings on increasing thousands for untold generations?

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK M. CRUNDEN,

April 13, 1900.

Librarian.

STATE OF MISSOURI, CITY OF ST. LOUIS. } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a notary public within and for the city of St. Louis, Mo., appeared Edw. L. Preetorius, personally known to me, who, being duly sworn by me, stated that the statement of receipts and expenditures of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library contained in the foregoing report of the Librarian for the year ending April 30, 1898, on account of City appropriation and other sources, is true and correct.

Edw. L. Preetorius, Chairman Auditing Committee,

Board of Directors St. Louis Public (Free) Library.

Sworn and subscribed to before me, this twenty-first day of April, 1900. (Seal.)

H. A. BERKEMEYER,

Notary Public.

My term expires June 10, 1902.

STATE OF MISSOURI, CITY OF ST. LOUIS. } ss.

Before the undersigned, a notary public within and for the city of St. Louis, Mo., appeared F. M. Crunden, Librarian of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library, who is personally known to me, who, upon being by me duly sworn, stated that the foregoing report of the Board of Directors of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library is true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

F. M. CRUNDEN,

Librarian.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 21st day of April, 1900.

(Seal.)

Gustavus M. Baare, Notary Public.

My term expires March 14, 1901.

APPENDIX No. 1.

LIST OF DELIVERY STATIONS AND DEPOSITORIES WITH THEIR ISSUE.

LIST OF DELIVERY STATIONS.

Station.	Location.	Proprietor.	Delivery Days.
1Garriso	on & Easton Aves	Garrison Pharmacy	Daily.
2Glasgo	w & St. Louis Aves	.A. Vogelsang	.Mon. & Thur.
3Grand	& Natural Bridge Rd	.A. J. Hoenny	Mon. & Thur.
4Cottage	e & Taylor Aves	Hahn's Pharmacy	Daily.
5East G	rand & 20th St	Theo. H. Wurmb	Mon. & Thur.
6Salisbu	rv & 11th St	Theo. H. Wurmb	Mon. & Thur.
7Madiso	n & 11th St	Alf. W. Pauley	.Mon. & Thur.
8Gravoi	s & Arsenal Aves	B. Jost	Daily.
9Bates	& Virginia Aves	Bates St. Pharmacy	Tues. & Fri.
10Park &	: Mississippi Aves	G. H. J. Andreas	.Daily.
116343 M	ichigan Ave	. A. Dreisoerner	Tues. & Fri.
12Barton	& Menard	"Bendel's Pharmacy	Tues. & Fri.
13Broady	vay & Schirmer St	L. F. Waibel	Tues. & Fri.
14Pestalo	zzi & Salena Sts	Kaltwasser Drug Co	Daily.
15Meram	ec & Virginia Aves	R. C. Reilly	Tues. & Fri.
16Manch	ester & Tower Grove Avs	.Chas. Lehmann	.Wed. & Sat.
		Delmar Ave. Pharmacy.	
18Cabanı	ne Arcade	A. E. Suppiger	Wed. & Sat.
19Semple	& Easton Aves	E. A. Bernius	.Wed. & Sat.
20Marcus	s & Easton Aves	H. H. Temm & Son	Daily.
21Bayard	l Ave & Suburban tracks	Bayard Ave. Pharmacy.	.Wed. & Sat.
		F. C. Garthoffner	
23Broady	vay & Keokuk St	R. S. Vitt	Daily.
24Compt	on & Park Aves	J. V. Fischer	.Tues. & Fri.
25Lafaye	tte & Nebraska Aves	Otto Sassmann	Daily.
26Union	Station	Terminal Pharmacy	Tues. & Fri.
27Grand	& Lindell Aves	D. A. Byrne	.Wed. & Sat.
28Chelter	nham	Jno. Goehring	Thursday.
29Benton	& 22nd Sts	J. A. Fritz	Mon. & Thur.
30Jefferso	on & Cass Aves	Phoenix Pharmacy	Mon. & Thur.
31Grand	Ave. & Shenandoah St	Wm. F. Ittner	Tues. & Fri.
32Boyle	Laciede Aves	Geo. W. Smith	wed. & Sat.
33Goode	& Easton Aves	F. M. Buch	Daily.
34Unoute	eau Ave. & 12th St	W. F. Angermueller	Tues. & Fri.
ooMorgai	n roru Ku. & Scanlan Ave	e.E. A. Schwenker	Tues. & Fri.
97 Proods	atural bridge Road	Don't A. Crassia.	Trace & Eni
3/Broad\	vay & Lami St	Paul A. Groene	Tues. & Fri.
581807 N	. Grand Ave	S. Thatcher	mon. & Inur.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Number Name of School. Books Loa Beckville M. E Bowman M. E Church of the Messiah		Name of School. Books Loa St. John's M. E St. Philip's Episcopal Shaare Emeth.	ned. 40 62 91
Church of the Redeemer	99 181 100	Trinity Episcopal Union M. E Other depositories.	24 158
Delmar Ave. Baptist	104 106 248 337 29	Carondelet School	103 179 100 50 40
Messiah MissionOak Hill CongregationalOlivet Presbyterian	95 51 114	Social Settlement League	81 2,683

STATION ISSUE.

Station.	Total Issue.	Station.	Total Issue.
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13		37	
14		38	
15	3,472	Power-houses	
16	5,335	Second Baptist	6,005
17		Y. M. C. A	10
18			
19		Total	181,124
20		Suppl. reading	s 68,178
21		S. S. Repts	
22		F	
23		Total	261.487
24		2000	202,101

APPENDIX No. II.

DONATIONS MAY 1, 1898—APRIL 30, 1899.

2,492 volumes and 8,490 pamphlets were received as exchanges and donations from 1,508 sources, as follows:

	Vols.	Pnhs.	,	Vola 1	Day la se
Aberdeen, Scotland. Public Li-		1	American Postal Microscopical Club	Vols. I	_
Adams, C. F. Boston		$\frac{1}{2}$	American Public Health Associa-		21
Aguilar Free Library. N. Y. City Alabama. Adjutant-General		$25 \\ 1$	American Society of Civil Engi-		1
Agricultural Experiment Sta-			neers ———————————————————————————————————	· 2	3
Auditor		13 4	Amherst College. Amherst, Mass Andover Theological Seminary.	•••••	1
— Board of Managers of Convicts		1	Andover, Mass	5	1 4
— Geological Survey Alabama Industrial and Scientific		1	Anti-Imperialist League Arizona. Adjutant-General		$\frac{13}{7}$
SocietyAlabama State Bar Association		$\frac{2}{9}$	Arkansas. Bureau of Mines Secretary of State	1	5
Albert, Miss M. St. Louis	18	1	— Superintendent of Public Instruction	10	Э
American Academy of Political and Social Science		2	Ashurst, R. L. Philadelphia	$\begin{array}{c} 10 \\ 1 \end{array}$	
American Agriculturist Library.	•••••	_	Association of Colleges and Pre- paratory Schools in the Mid-		
Springfield, Mass American Anti-Vivisection Society		$\frac{1}{15}$	dle States and Maryland Atlanta University. Atlanta. Ga Author's Club. N. Y. City		10 1
American Association for the Advancement of Physical Edu-			Baillie's Institution. Glasgow.	1	
American Association for the Ad-		2	Balch, T. W. Philadelphia	<u>-</u>	1
vancement of Science Amer. Association for the Study	1	6	Ball, F. P. Baltimore Baltimore. Board of Trade		15 6
and Cure of Inebriates American Association to Promote		1	— City Library	1 4	
the teaching of Speech to the Deaf	1	19	Society for the Protection of Children	*	10
American Banker's Association American Baptist Publication So-	4		Bancroft Company, N. Y. City		2
ciety	19	1	Bangor, Me. Public Library Barnard, F. J. (& Co). Boston Barnard College. N. Y. City	4	1
American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions	13	80	Barnes Medical College, St. Louis		$\frac{2}{1}$
American Book Company	27	1	Batchellor, A. S. Concord. N. H Bates, E. St. Louis		1 46
American Climatological Associa-	1	1	Belfast, Ireland. Free Public Li- brary		1
American Colonial Tracts American Colonization Society		697	Belgium. Dept. of Agriculture and Public Works		30
American Congregational Society American Copyright League		$\frac{2}{2}$	Belleville, Ill. Public Library	5	47 1
American Federation of Labor American Humane Education So-		6	Berlin. Magistrats	 1	1 1
American Institute of Architects	2	8	Bernd, H. St. Louis Bernd, L. St. Louis		1 10
American Institute of Electrical Engineers	. 1		Bigelow Free Public Library. Clinton, Mass		1
American Institute of Homeo- pathy	1		Birgham, H. Littleton, N. H Birmingham, Eng. Free Libraries		6
American Institute of Sacred Literature	1	150	Committee Blackburn, Eng. Free Library		1 1
American Irish Society American Jewish Historical So-	1		Blair, A. St. Louis Blair, J. L. St. Louis		2
ciety	•	6	Bolton, Mrs. S. K. Cleveland, O Bolton, Eng. Public Free Library	1	$\frac{1}{2}$
ciation	10	70	Bonaparte, C. J. Baltimore		1
American Museum of Natural His-	3		Boston. Associated Charities Board of Overseers of the		1
American Numismatic and Arch-	3	1	Poor	1	4
American Park and Outdoor Art		1	— Children's Aid Society	3	. 1
Association American Peace Society	$\frac{2}{2}$	38	— City Registry Dept.—— Dept. of Parks.——	1	1

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Σ. 7	ols. F	phs.		Vols. F	phs.
Dispensary	1	41	Minister of Public Works		1
— Home for Aged Women	•••••	41	— Post Office Dept	2	5
—— Immigration Restriction League		15	Cannon, G. Q. & Sons. Salt Lake	1	1
— Improved Dwelling Associa-		10	Carlsruhe. Bibliothek des Poly-	1	1
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- Industrial Aid Society		$\hat{\bar{5}}$	Carnegie Free Library. Allegheny,	•••••	-
- Industrial School for Crippled		v	Pa		1
and Deformed Children		1	Carnegie Library. Homestead. Pa		ī
Museum of Fine Arts		1	Carnegie Library. Homestead, Pa Carnegie Library. Pittsburgh, Pa Carpenter, Mrs . C. G. St. Louis.————————————————————————————————————		$1\bar{3}$
— Provident Association		9	Carpenter, Mrs. C. G. St. Louis	1	10
— Public Library	1	14	Cartan, D. L. St. Louis		3
— Public School Art League		1	Cedar Rapids, Ia. Free Public Li-		
- School Committee		23	Drary		2
South End House		4	Central Conference of American		
Women's Educational and In-		10	Rabbis. Chicago	1	
dustrial Union		10	Charles P. H. Clarter M.	1	
— Young Men's Christian Union- Boston Anti-Imperialist Meeting	. 2	$\frac{4}{1}$	Charleston & C. Marion	$\frac{1}{2}$	1
Boston Book Company		6	Century Theatre. St. Louis	4	$\frac{1}{4}$
Bostonian Society		ĭ	Changenet W M St Louis	14	132
Rowdoin College Brunswick Me		$\frac{1}{2}$	Chicago. Academy of Sciences	14	132
Bowdoin College. Brunswick, Me Boyd, Mrs. W. W. St. Louis	1		— Armour Institute of Tech-		_
Brackett, B. B. Washington, D. C.		1	nology		1
Bradley, Mrs. G. J. St. Louis	1		— Board of Trade	1	
Brandenberger. W. A. St. Louis-	3		— Civil Service Commissioner	1	
Brasse, A. St. Louis	1		— College of Law		2
Bradley, Mrs. G. J. St. Louis		1	— Dept. of Health		8
Brett, W. H. Cleveland, O	1		— Historical Society		1
Bridgebort, Conn. Fublic Library		1	Mayor		
Brinley heirs. Hartford, Conn Bristol, Eng. Public Library		10	— Public Library	1	1
Bristol, Eng. Public Library		$\frac{1}{12}$	- Secretary of Commissioner		-
British Columbia. Board of Trade — Minister of Mines			on Education South Park Commissioner		1 9
Prockton Mass Public Library		2_1	— Thursday Club		1
Brockton, Mass. Public Library. Brookline, Mass. Public Library.		6	University		i
Brookline Education Society		3	— University Settlement		3
Brooklyn. Civil Service Commis-		Ü	Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific		U
sioner		1	Railway		6
— Library		3	Cincinnati. Observatory		ĭ
Bryn Mawr College. Bryn Mawr,			— Public Library		4
Penn		1	Young Men's Mercantile Li-		
Bryson Library. N. Y. City Buffalo, N. Y. Mayor	1		brary Association		1
Buffalo, N. Y. Mayor	1		Cincinnati Hospital		1
Merchants Exchange		32	Clapham, Eng. Public Library Clark, Hon. C. Bowling Green,		2
— Public Library		16	Clark, Hon. C. Bowling Green,		-
Buffalo Historical Society		6 8	Mo Clayton- H. D. Fufaula 41a		$\frac{1}{4}$
Bunker Hill Boy's Club. Boston- Bunker Hill Monument Associa-		٥	Clayton, H. D. Eufaula, Ala Cleveland. Board of Education		1
tion. Boston	1		— Chamber of Commerce	1	$\frac{1}{2}$
Burlington. Ia. Free Public Li-	_		— City Clerk		
brary		1	Municipal Association		5
Burt, Miss M. E. N. Y. City		6	— Public Library		5
Bush, I. St. Louis	19	62	Club of Odd Volumes. Boston		1
Bussey Institute. Jamaica Plains,			Cobb, Hon. S. W. St. Louis	1	
Mass		13	College Settlements Association		3
Butte, Mont. Public Library		1	Colorado. Adjutant-General		1
Cabot, G. L. Boston		1	— Agricultural Experiment Sta-		0
California. Adjutant-General		7	tion		9
— Attorney General————————————————————————————————————	1		— Inspector of Coal Mines	1	$\frac{2}{2}$
— State Board of Trade		2	- State Insurance Dept!	1	î
- State Library	1	$\tilde{2}$	— University		$\frac{1}{2}$
- State Mining Bureau		ĩ	Colorado College. Colorado,		_
Supt. of Public Instruction	1		Springs, Col		1
— Surveyor General	1		Columbia Theatre. St. Louis	1	
University		15	Columbia University N V City	2	2
California Library Association		3	Columbus, O. Public School Li-		
Cambridge, Mass. Public Library Cambridge, Eng. Library Syndi-		1	orary	1	3
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Cate		1	Society		4
— Public Library		1	Connecticut. Agricultural Exper-	1	9
Canada. Department of Agri- culture		, 4	— Bank Commissioners	1 1	2
— Department of Interior		5	- Board of Agriculture	i	
— Department of Militia and		0	Board of Education	3	2
Defence		2	Bureau of Labor Statistics	$\tilde{2}$	
— Department of Trade and		_	Inspector of Factories	1	
Commerce		10	— Railroad Commissioners	1	
— Dept. of Trade and Naviga-			— Secretary of State	4	
tion		2	- State Board of Charities	1	
— Geological Survey	1		- State Board of Health	1	2
- Inland Revenue Dept		66	Conred F W Philadelphia	10 1	
— Minister of Marine and Fisheries		1	Conrad, F. W Philadelphia Cook, P. F. St. Louis	1	6
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Cooling, W. F. Chicago		1	Florida. Agricultural Experiment		_
Cornell University. Ithaca, N. Y	1	97	Station		19
Corning, C. R. Concord, N. H	1	$\frac{3}{7}$	— Dept. of Agriculture		3
Coulton Belt Route, St. Louis Office	1	í	— Comptroller Supt. of Public Instruction		1 9
Coulter, J. M. Chicago Cox, R. N. Y. City Coxe, V. R. N. Y. City		$\frac{1}{2}$	Foote, A. R. Takoma Park D. C.		$\overset{\circ}{2}$
Coxe. V. R. N. Y. City	1		Forbes Library. Northampton,		-
Creighton University. Omana,			Mass		1
Neb		1	Forest Park University. St. Louis		1
Cridge, A. San Francisco		1	Fortnightly Club. Jamestown,		
Crosby, Mrs. E. L. St. Louis Crunden, F. M. St. Louis	9	$\frac{351}{51}$	N. Y Fowler, Hon. C. N. Elizabeth, N. J	1	1
Cuban Industrial Relief Fund. N.	2	91	France. Ministére du Commerce.	1	$\frac{1}{1}$
Y. City		1	- Ministère de l' Instruction	_	_
Y. City Currier, C. G. N. Y. City Curry, J. L. M. Washington, D. C Cust, R. N. London, Eng.		1	Publique	7	82
Curry, J. L. M. Washington, D. C.	1		Frankfurt am Main. Freiherrlich		
Cust, R. N. London, Eng	2		Carl von Rothschilds'che öf-		
Daily, J. W. Boston		$\frac{1}{10}$	fentliche Bibliothek		1
Davis C I Releigh N C		1	Franklin, A. B. Chicago		1
Cust, R. N. London, Eng Daily, J. W. Boston Davis, C. L. Raleigh, N. C Dayton, O. Public Library		$\frac{1}{2}$	Friends Free Library. Germantown, Pa		7
Dean, Miss C. R. St. Louis		$\bar{6}$	Frink, S. St. Louis		7
Dean, Miss C. R. St. Louis DeBernard, G. B. Independence.			Frink, S. St. Louis		1
Mo	1	14	Gallinger, Hon. J. C. Concord,		
Delaware. Adjutant-General	1	1	N. HGarrett, Miss M. S. Philadelphia		2
— Secretary of State — Demuth, I. M. Sedalia, Mo		$\frac{1}{1}$	Genealogical Society of Pa. Phil-		8
Dennison Manufacturing Co. N.		1	adelphia		1
Y. City		1	General Federation of Women's		-
Denver, Col. City Library		2	Clubs		2
- Public Library	1		Georgia. Dept. of Agriculture		1
Denver Medical Publishing Co		2	Experiment Station		4
DePauw University. Greencastle,		2	Gerhold, H. St. Louis	1	7
Depew, Hon. C. M. N.Y. City		3	Girard College. Philadelphia	1	1
Detroit. Board of Education		9	Gladfelter, Miss L. M. St. Louis.		$\frac{1}{2}$
— City Clerk	1		Glasgow, Scotland. University	1	
— Controller	2		Glasgow, Scotland. University Glens Falls, N. Y. Board of Edu-		
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— Board of Election Commis-	90	20	periment Station		3
sioners		2	State Treasurer		ĭ
City Lighting Department		ī	South Carolina College		î
— City Register	1		South Dakota. Agricultural Ex-		
— Civic Federation		1	periment Station		26
— Froebel Society	2		— Commissioner of Insurance		1
— Health Department	13	9	— Geological Survey		1
Insane Asylum		1	- Schools and Public Lands	2	
— Liberty Non-Sectarian Mis-			- Secretary of State	1	1
sion		1	— Supt. of Public Instruction		1
Master Builders Association		1	South Orange, N. J. Free Public		1
— Mayor — Mercantile Library	1	1	Circulating Library		1
— Merchants' Exchange	32	1	Speck, Mrs. L. St. Louis		$\frac{1}{2}$
— Milk Inspector	1	-	Spiers F W N V City		ī
- National Bank of Commerce.		1	Spiers, F. W. N. Y. City		î
- New England Society		î	Springfield, Mass. City Library		-
Park Commissioners	1		Association		12
Public Library Magazine	20		Standard Theatre. St. Louis	1	
Social Settlement League	29	324	State Children's Aid Association.		
— Street Commissioner		2	London, Eng		6
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— Women's Christian Associa-		_	Stechert, G. E. N. Y. City	2	
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St. Louis Amateur Athletic Club		1	Hoboken, N.J.		2
St. Louis Bar Association St. Louis College of Pharmacy		$\frac{2}{1}$	Stevenson, Mrs. S. B. Benton Station, Mo		6
St. Louis Fair Association		7	Stewart, A. K. St. Louis		ĭ
St. Louis Finance		16	Stewart F. Swarthmore Pa		î
St. Louis Post-Dispatch	6	9	Stewart, F. Swarthmore, Pa Sturgeon, I. H. St. Louis		$\tilde{2}$
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St. Louis Social Settlement		1			2
St. Louis University		1	Swett, C. E. Boston		2
St. Martin-in-the-Fields. London.			Swett, C. E. Boston		214
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Salem, Mass. Public Library		14	Taunton, Mass. Public Library		2
San Francisco. Board of Super-			Tennessee University		$\frac{2}{4}$
— Board of Trade	1	1	Tennessee University Tennessee Centennial Exposition		5
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Silver, Burdette & Co. Boston	11		— Fish Commission	2	1
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- Post Office Department	1	1	Wells Memorial Institute. Bos-		
— Senate Document Room	1	30	ton		1
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- War Department	12	64	town, Conn		3
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— Fisheries and Game		2	ton, Del		1
— Library Commissioners		1	Wilner, Mrs. A. St. Louis	1	
Railroad Commissioners	1		Winn, H. Boston		2
- Secretary of State	1		Wisconsin. Adjutant-General	2	29
- State Board of Agriculture	ĩ		Bureau of Labor Statistics	$\tilde{2}$	
- State Library	8	9	— Dairy and Food Commis-		
— Supt. of Education	ĭ			1	2
— University		10	sioner	3	
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- State Board of Agriculture	1		- Insurance Commissioner	2	
		1	- Natural History Society		7
— University		3	— Railroad Commissioners		1
Virginia State Bar Association	2		— State Board of Agriculture	2	
Volta Bureau. Washington, D. C. Von Holst, H. E. Chicago		3	State Board of Control	4	
Von Holst, H. E. Chicago		2	State Historical Society	9	10
Wade, R. R. Boston		1	— State Supt. of Schools	2	4
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— Bureau of Statistics	1		Conn		3
- State Historical Library		1	Yonkers, N. Y. Historical Library		
— Supt. of Public Instruction		9	Association		3
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Ft. Wayne, Ind. Ft. Wayne Medical	Medical FortnightlySemi-Monthly
MagazineMonthly	Medical MirrorMonthly
New York. American Druggist-Semi-Monthly	Meyer Brothers DruggistMonthly
St. Louis, CliniqueMonthly	

NEWSPAPERS.

Algiers, La. Algiers Herald	New York (City). Dolgeville Herald. Weekly St. Louis, Mo. Arbeiter-Zeitung Weekly — Church Progress and Catholic World Weekly — Colman's Rural World Weekly — Labor Compendium Weekly — Labor Compendium Weekly — St. Louis Chronicle Daily — St. Louis Globe-Democrat Daily — St. Louis Globe-Democrat Daily — St. Louis Post-Dispatch Daily — St. Louis Post-Dispatch Daily — St. Louis Post-Dispatch Daily — St. Louis Star Daily — St. Louis Westliche Post Daily — St. Louis Westliche Post Daily — St. Louis Westliche Post Daily — Western Watchman Weekly Skaguay, Alaska. Daily Alaskan Daily Sydney, Aus. Sydney Morning — Daily Toledo, O. Toledo Saturday Night. Weekly Victoria, B. C. Victoria Daily Times Daily Washington, D. C. U. S. Department News Eagle Weekly
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GENERAL PERIODICALS.				
Albion, N. Y. MuseumMonthly	— American Soap Journal Monthly			
Anaconda, Cal. Anaconda Assayer Weekly	- Anglo-Saxon Monthly			
Anaheim, Cal. Osteopath	— Banker's Monthly Monthly			
Ashland, Wis. Helping HandMonthly	— Chicago Banker Monthly — Chicago Household Guest Monthly			
Atlanta, Ga. Southern Educational Journal	— Chicago Upholstery JournalMonthly			
Baltimore, Md. Royal BlueMonthly	— Chicago VegetarianMonthly			
— The Tablet Monthly	— Christian CynosureMonthly			
Battle Creek, Mich. Advent Review	Christian EndeavorerMonthly			
and HeraldWeekly	— CommonsMonthly			
Berkeley, Cal. Western NationalWeekly	— Cycle AgeWeekly			
Berlin, Ger. Hochshul-Nachrichten-Monthly	— Elite — Weekly			
Berne, Switzerland. Propriété IndustrielleMonthly	— Everybody's Journal Monthly — Farm Implement News Weekly			
Bloomington, Ill. School and Home	— Flaming SwordWeekly			
EducationMonthly	— Good Citizen——Monthly			
Boston, Mass. Advocate of PeaceMonthly	Human Faculty Monthly			
The Bulletin and Good RoadsWeekly	— Lucifer Weekly			
— Bulletin Nat. Ass'n of Wool	— MenMonthly			
ManufacturersQuarterly	— Modern Tourist Monthly			
Christian Register	- Musical CriticMonthly			
— Christian Science Journal Monthly	— Office Men's Record — Quarterly			
— Christian Science Weekly — Weekly — Employer and Employed — Quarterly	— Our Fellow CreaturesMonthly — People's Press			
— Fibre and FabricWeekly	— Planets and PeopleMonthly			
— League of American Wheelmen	- Progress Monthly			
BulletinWeekly	— Public OfficialMonthly			
— Lincoln House ReviewQuarterly	— Railway ReviewWeekly			
— Literary ReviewMonthly	— School Board JournalMonthly			
— Our City———Quarterly	— Show WindowMonthly			
— Our Dumb Animals Monthly — New Church Review Quarterly	— Social Democrat Weekly — Sportsmen's Review Weekly			
— New England Anti-Vivisection	— Stationer and Printer Semi-Monthly			
SocietyMonthly	- Stationary EngineerMonthly			
— Posse Gymnasium JournalMonthly	— Suggestive TherapeuticsMonthly			
Progressive EraMonthly	— Teacher and StudentMonthly			
Bridgeport, Conn. RundschauWeekly Brooklyn, N. Y. Heffley EducatorWeekly	— TimbermanMonthly			
Brooklyn, N. Y. Heffley Educator Weekly	— Union Signal Weekly			
Buffalo, N. Y. Municipality and	— Universal Truth———Monthly			
County	— Your Head Cincinnati, O. American Home			
Western Mining WorldWeekly	MissionaryMonthly			
Cambridge, Mass. The Reader. Semi-Monthly	American Musician Weekly			
Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Why?Monthly	— Common CauseWeekly			
Charlottesville, Va. Alumni Bulletin	— Furniture WorkerWeekly			
of University of VirginiaMonthly	Teacher and Organist Monthly			
Chicago, Ill. Advertising Exper-	Clayton, Mo. People's Advocate Weekly			
ience	Cleveland, O. IndexSemi-Monthly — International MessengerMonthly			
— American DruggistSemi-Monthly	— Journal			
— American Fruit Growers UnionWeekly	— Suggestor and Thinker Monthly			

Colorado Springs, Col. Public	Manhattan, Kan. Industrialist. 10 times yearly	
Ownership ReviewMonthly	Maplewood, Mo. St. Louis and Her	
Columbus, O. Occult ScienceQuarterly	SuburbsMonthly	
Commonwealth, Ga. Social Gospel. Monthly	Suburbs	
Concord, N. H. Journal of Speculative PhilosophyIrregular	- Erziehungs-Blaetter Monthly	
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— Texas Farm and RanchWeekly	— People's Paper weekly	
Denver, Col. Mecca	— Progress	
- Mining Industry Weekly	Moberly, Mo. Silver StatesmanWeekly	
— Mining Reporter Weekly	New York. Aluminum WorldMonthly	
— Ores and Metals. Monthly — Silver Trumpet. Monthly — Temple Monthly	— American EconomistWeekly	
— Silver Trumpet Monthly	— American MissionaryQuarterly	
— TempleMonthly	American School Board	
Des Moines, Io. EquitySemi-Monthly — Iowa Health BulletinMonthly	JournalMonthly	
— Iowa Health Bulletin Monthly	— American SentinelWeekly	
Detroit, Mich. Pernin's Steno- grapherMonthly	— American WheelmanWeekly	
grapherMonthly	Art CollectorSemi-Monthly	
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Elgin, Ill. Our RepublicMonthly	- Brazilian Bulletin Quarterly	
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Fresno, Cal. Guide Weekly	— Collector and Art Critic Semi-Monthly	
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Hampton, Va. Southern Workman Monthly	— Criterion———Weekly	
Harrisburg, Pa. Keim and Allied	— Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly — Druggist's Circular Monthly — Echo Quarterly	
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Hudson, Mass. Woman's Home	— New EarthMonthly	
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Independence, Mo. Labor Exchange	OptimistMonthly	
Exchange Monthly	— Our Animal Friends Monthly	
Indianapolis, Ind. IndianianMonthly	— Our Boys' and Girls' OwnMonthly	
— Single Tax World — Weekly Italy Dept. of Agriculture.	Painter's Magazine Monthly People Weekly Public Spirit Monthly Rudder Monthly	
Italy. Dept. of Agriculture.	— People Weekly	
Bulletin of Agriculture Monthly — Bulletin of Commerce Monthly — Bulletin of Meteorology Monthly	— Public SpiritMonthly	
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- Bulletin of Meteorology Monthly		
Bulletin of PatentsMonthly	— School Weekly — Shorthand Educator Monthly — Street Railway Journal Monthly	
Ithaca, N. Y. New York State	- Street Railway Journal Monthly	
Weather BureauMonthly		
Jennings, La. Jennings Times Weekly	Twentieth Century Astrologer.	
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Kirksville, Mo. Journal of OsteopathyMonthly	Oakland, Cal. Mechanic's Institute Bulletin Monthly — Saturday Press Weekly — Signs of the Times Weekly	
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Statistics Monthly	Gazette	
Lewiston, Idaho. Lewiston Tribune	- Association Noves Weekly	
Semi-Weekly	- Rook Nows Weekly	
Lincoln, Neb. Nebraska Independent. Weekly	— City and State Wookly	
London, Eng. Herald of Peace Weekly	Gazette Weekly Philadelphia, Pa, American. Weekly — Association News Weekly — Book News Monthly — City and State Weekly — Double Cross. Monthly — Food Home and Garden Weekly	
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— Phonetic Journal. Weekly	— Journal of Zoöphily Monthly	
— Phonetic Journal — Weekly — Pioneer of Wisdom — Monthly	Literary Era	
- Positivist Review Monthly	— Meehan's Monthly Monthly	
Los Angeles, Cal. Alto AngelenoWeekly	— Nazarene — Weekly	
— California CultivatorMonthly	New Ideas	
— CapitalWeekly	— PeacemakerMonthly	
— Investor Weekly	— Præco LatinusMonthly	
— Land of Sunshine Monthly	Pittsburg Pa Coal and Coke Weekly	
Madison, Wis. Wisconsin Journal	Port Huron Mich Review Monthly	
of Education	Port Huron, Mich. Review	

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Quebec, Canada, Courier du LivreMonthly	States DutyMonthly		
St. Louis, Die AbendschuleWeekly	- Stoves and Hardware Reporter Weekly		
Age of SteelWeekly	- Student LifeMonthly		
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— Baptist Church RecordWeekly	Club BulletinMonthly		
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— Building and Trades JournalWeekly	Salmon, Idaho, Lemhi RepublicWeekly		
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- Butcher's and Packer's Mag'zine Monthly	San Antonia, Tex. Industrial World-Monthly		
— Central Baptist — Weekly	San Francisco. California Archi-		
— Central Law Journal—Weekly	tectMonthly		
— ChaperoneMonthly	— Insurance SunMonthly		
Church NewsMonthly	- Mining and Scientific Press Weekly		
— Democrat BulletinWeekly	- Something Different - Weekly		
Dyer's News LetterWeekly	— Star — Weekly		
— Electrical EraMonthly	- Sunset Monthly		
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— Farm Machinery Weekly	of WaterMonthly		
— Great SouthwestMonthly	Springfield, Mo. Over the Tea Cups. Weekly		
— Hesperian — Quarterly	Stuttgart, Ger. Antiquitäten-ZeitungWeekly		
— High School NewsMonthly	Syracuse, N. Y. Journal of Peda-		
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— Journal of Agriculture Weekly	Tennessee City, Tenn. Coming Nation		
— LaborWeekly	Terre Haute, Ind. VaccinationMonthly		
— ManhoodMonthly	Topeka. Western School JournalMonthly		
Mekeel's WeeklyWeekly	Toronto. Canada EducationalMonthly		
Mid-Continent Weekly	— Canadian Philatelic WeeklyWeekly		
- Mirror Weekly	Fred Bury's JournalMonthly		
- Missouri Children's Home Finder. Monthly	- SearchlightMonthly		
— Natural LawWeekly	Urbana, Ill. New Philosophy Monthly		
— Philatelic Journal Semi-Annual	Urbana, O. University Courant Monthly		
— Popocrat Weekly	Vineland, N. J. Cosmos Monthly		
— Retriever Weekly	Wardner. B. C. InternationalWeekly		
- Review of ReformsMonthly	Washington, D. C. American Fed-		
- St. Louis Christian AdvocateWeekly	erationist		
- St. Louis Critic Weekly	— American InventorWeekly		
— St. Louis Cycle NewsWeekly	— ForesterMonthly		
St. Louis Cycle News	— Inventive AgeMonthly		
— St. Louis HomesteadWeekly	— Postal Record Monthly		
— St. Louis HumoristWeekly	— Uncle Sam's American FlagWeekly		
— St. Louis LumbermanMonthly	— U. S. Congressional Records.		
St Louis Merchants' JournalWeekly	— U. S. Consular ReportsMonthly		
— SchalkWeekly	— U. S.Consular Reports - Special, Irregular		
- School and HomeFortnightly	- U. S. Patent Office. Official		
- Shoe and Leather Gazette - Weekly	GazetteWeekly		
Smith Academy Record 8 times a Year	- U. S. Public Health ReportsWeekly		
— South Side ReporterWeekly	- U. S. Weather BureauMonthly		
— Sporting NewsWeekly	— U. S. Weather BureauMonthly Wilmington, Del. "Justice"Weekly		
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APPENDIX No. III.

MISSOURI STATUTES RELATING TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES,

TOGETHER WITH THE

ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS.

Chapter 91, Article XIX, Revised Statutes of Missouri.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND BUILDINGS.

SECTION. 6466. Library fund in cities, when tax may

be levied-election, etc.

6467. Directors.

Term of office, removal. 6468.

Vacancies, no compensation. Organization, powers of directors, 6469. 6470.

funds.

Library, who may use. Annual report, what to contain. 6471.

6472. Council may provide penalties. 6473.

Donations.

Proceedings in village or township.

6476. Election of directors, etc.

Library, county court of certain coun-6477.

ties may contract with officers of, etc., when.

6478. How library building fund may be created; election, how and when ordered.

6479. Plans lans and specifications to be pre-pared and contract let.

Board empowered to sell or exchange 6480. lot

6481. Public libraries in cities with over 300,000 inhabitants, directors.

6482. Term of office, removal.
6483. Vacancies, no compensation.
6484. Duty of board of directors, appoint-

ment of officers, powers, etc. 6485. Board shall make annual report to

mayor, contents. 6486. Penalties, how imposed.

Section 6466. Library fund in cities, when tax may be levied-election, etc.—When one hundred tax-paying voters of any incorporated city shall petition the mayor and common council asking that an annual tax be levied for the establishment and maintenance of a free public library in such incorporated city, and shall specify in their petition a rate of taxation, not to exceed two mills on the dollar annually, and in cities of over one hundred thousand inhabitants not to exceed two-fifths of one mill annually, on all the taxable property in the city, such mayor and common council shall direct the proper officer to give notice in his next legal notice of the annual election, or special election which may be called for the purpose of voting on such question, that at such election every voter may vote "for a mill tax for a free public library," or "against a mill tax for a free public library," specifying in such notice the rate of taxation mentioned in said petition; and if the majority of votes cast on such proposition shall be "for the tax for the free public library," the tax specified in such notice shall be levied and collected in like manner with other general taxes of such incorporated city, and shall be known as the "library fund:" Provided, that such tax shall cease in case the legal voters of any such incorporated city shall so determine by a majority vote at any annual election held therein." Approved, March 9, 1901. Laws, 1901, p. 84. (R. S. 1899, amended).

Sec. 6467. Directors.—When any incorporated city shall have decided to establish and maintain a public library and reading-room under this article, the mayor of such city shall, with the approval of the legislative branch of the municipal government, proceed to appoint a board of nine directors for the same, chosen from the citizens at large, with reference to their fitness for such office; and no member of the municipal government shall be a member of said board.

Sec. 6468. Term of office—removal.—Said directors shall hold office one-

third for one year, one-third for two years and one-third for three years, from the first of June following their appointment, and at their first regular meeting shall cast lots for the respective terms; and, annually thereafter, the mayor shall, before the first of June of each year, appoint, as before, three directors, who shall hold office for three years and until their successors are appointed. The mayor may, by and with the consent of the legislative branch of the municipal government, remove any director for misconduct or neglect of duty.

Sec. 6469. Vacancies—no compensation.—Vacancies in the board of directors, occasioned by removals, resignations or otherwise, snall be reported to the city council, and be filled in like manner as original appointments, and no director shall receive compensation as such, and no person shall be employed by such board of library directors who is related either by blood or by marriage to any director of said board. Approved, March 20, 1901. Laws, 1901, p. 85. (R. S. 1899, amended).

Sec. 6470. Organization—powers of directors—funds.—Said directors shall, immediately after appointment, meet and organize by the election of one of their number president, and by the election of such other officers as they may deem necessary. They shall make and adopt such by-laws, rules and regulations for their own guidance, and for the government of the library and reading-room, as may be expedient, not inconsistent with this article. They shall have the exclusive control of the expenditure of all moneys collected to the credit of the library fund, and of the construction of any library building, and of the supervision, care and custody of the grounds, rooms or buildings constructed, leased or set apart for that purpose; provided, that all moneys received for such library shall be deposited in the treasury of said city or village to the credit of the library fund, and shall be kept separate and apart from other moneys of such city or village, and drawn upon by the proper officers of said city or village upon the properly authenticated vouchers of the library board. Said board shall have power to purchase or lease grounds, to occupy, lease or erect an appropriate building or buildings for the use of the said library; shall have power to appoint a suitable librarian and necessary assistants, and fix their compensation, and shall also have power to remove such appointees; and shall, in general, carry out the spirit and intent of this arti-•cle, in establishing and maintaining a public library and reading-room.

Sec. 6471. Who may use library.—Every library and reading-room established under this article shall be forever free to the use of the inhabitants of the city where located, always subject to such reasonable rules and regulations as the library board may adopt in order to render the use of said library and reading-room of the greatest benefit to the greatest number; and said board may exclude from the use of said library and reading-room any and all persons who shall willfully violate such rules; and said board may extend the privileges and use of such library and reading-room to persons residing outside of such city in this state, upon such terms and conditions as said board may, from time to time, by its regulations prescribe.

SEC. 6472. Annual report, what to contain.—The said board of directors shall make, on or before the second Monday in June, an annual report to the city council, stating the condition of their trust on the first day of May of that year, the various sums of money received from the library fund and from other sources, and how such moneys have been expended and for what purposes; the number of books and periodicals on hand, the number added by purchase, gift or otherwise, during the year; the number and general character and kind of such books, with such other statistics, information and suggestions as they may deem of general interest. All such portions of said report as relate to the receipt and expenditure of money, as well as the number of books on hand, books lost or missing, and books purchased, shall be verified by affidavit.

Sec. 6473. Council may provide penalties.—The city council of said city or village shall have power to pass ordinances imposing suitable penal-

ties for the punishment of persons committing injury upon such library or the grounds, or other property thereof, and for injury to or failure to return any book belonging to such library.

SEC. 6474. *Donations*.—Any person desiring to make donations of money, personal property or real estate for the benefit of such library, shall have the right to vest the title to the money or real estate so donated in the board of directors created under this article, to be held and controlled by such board, when accepted according to the terms of the deed, gift, devise or bequest of such property; and as to such property the said board shall be held and considered to be special trustees.

Sec. 6475. Proceedings in village or township.—When fifty legal voters or any incorporated village or township shall petition the proper authorities, asking that an annual tax may be levied for the establishment and maintenance of a free public library in such village or township, and shall specify in their petition, a rate of taxation not to exceed two mills on the dollar, such officers shall, in the next legal notice of the regular annual election in such village or township, give notice that at such election every voter may vote "for a ... mill tax for a free public library," or "against a ... mill tax for a free public library," or against a in such village or township shall be "for the tax for a free public library," the tax specified in such notice shall be levied and collected in like manner with other general taxes of said village or township and shall be known as the "library fund:" Provided, that such tax shall cease in case the legal voters of any such village or township shall so determine, by a majority vote, at any annual election heid therein, and the corporate authorities of such villages or townships may exercise the same powers conferred upon the corporate authorities of cities under this article.

Sec. 6476. Election of directors, etc.—At the next regular election after any town, village or township shall have voted to establish a free public library, there shall be elected a library board of six directors, one-third for one year, one-third for two years, and one-third for three years; and annually thereafter there shall be elected two directors, who shall hold their office for three years, and 'until their successors are elected and qualified, which board shall have the same powers as by this article are conferred upon the board of directors of free public libraries in cities.

Sec. 6477. Library—county court of certain counties may contract with officers of, etc., when.—The county court in any county wherein is situated an incorporated city containing a free public library, whenever petitioned by one hundred or more tax-paying citizens of said city, and one hundred or more tax-paying citizens of said county, residing outside of said city, for the use by the citizens of said county residing outside of said city, of said library, shall have the right to contract with the officers of said library for such use thereof by said citizens of said county residing outside of the city, and to appropriate moneys from the county revenue of said county therefor, and thereafter to continue such contract or renewals thereof from year to year: Provided, that the annual amount so contracted to be paid and appropriated shall not exceed 3 per cent of the county revenue for the year out of which payment is to be made. (New section.)

SEC. 6478. How library building fund may be created—election, how and when ordered.—Whenever in any incorporated city which has decided or shall hereafter decide to establish and maintain a public library and reading-room under the provisions of this article one hundred tax-paying voters of any such incorporated city shall petition the proper authorities, asking that an annual tax be levied as an increased rate of taxation for the erection of a free public library building in such incorporated city, and shall specify in their petition a rate of taxation not to exceed one and one-half mills on the dollar annually, and not to be levied for more than five years on all taxable property in such incorporated city, and the board of directors of the free public library of such incorpo-

rated city shall deem it necessary that such library building should be erected, and so express its opinion by resolution, then the proper authorities of such incorporated city shall in the next legal notice of a regular election in such incorporated city give notice that at such election every voter may vote for an annual increased rate of taxation for years of mills tax per annum for the erection of a free public library building, specifying in such notice the rate of taxation mentioned in such petition and the period for which it is to be levied, and if two-thirds of the qualified voters of such incorporated city voting at such election shall vote "for the increased tax for the erection of a free public library building," the tax specified in such notice shall be levied and collected in like manner with other general taxes of said incorporated city, and shall be known as "the library building fund," and shall be subject to the exclusive control of said board and be drawn upon by the proper officers of such city upon the properly authenticated vouchers of said board, and be used for the erection of the library building. The fund hereby provided for the erection of a free public building in any such incorporated city shall be in addition to the annual tax levied for the establishment and maintenance of such free public library.

Plans and specifications to be prepared and contract Sec. 6479. let.—When it shall have been determined at such election to provide for the erection of a free public library building, as hereinbefore provided, the board of directors of such public library shall proceed to have plans and specifications of a public library building prepared, and shall then take bids thereon for the construction of said building, and shall let the contract therefor to the lowest and best responsible bidder, and shall require of such bidder securities for the performance of his bid. The board may, however, let parts of the material or labor for the erection of the building to different bidders, as to it may seem best.

SEC. 6480. Board empowered to sell or exchange lot.-Wherever the board of directors of any public library shall have acquired, or shall hereafter acquire, a lot or tract of land, and said board may determine that it is not judicious to erect the library building upon such lot, said board is empowered to sell or exchange such lot and to use the proceeds of such sale or exchange for the purposes of a site for a library building, or for the erection of a library building on any other land purchased or leased by or donated to said board and which it may deem suitable to said building: Provided, sections 6478, 6479 and 6480 shall not apply to cities under ten thousand inhabitants.

Sec. 6481. Public library in cities of over 300,000 inhabitants -directors.-When any incorporated city containing over three hundred thousand inhabitants shall have decided to establish and maintain a public library and reading-room, under this article, the mayor of such city shall, with the approval of the city council, proceed to appoint a board of nine directors for the same, chosen from the citizens at large, with reference to their fitness for such office; and no member of the municipal government shall be a member of said board: *Provided*, that not more than five of such directors shall be members of the same political party.

Sec. 6482. Term of office-removal.—Said directors shall hold office, onethird for one year, one-third for two years and one-third for three years, from the first of June following their appointment, and at their first regular meeting shall cast lots for their respective terms; and annually thereafter, the mayor shall, before the first of June of each year appoint, as before, three directors, who shall hold office for three years, and until their successors are appointed. The mayor may, by and with the consent of the city council, remove any director for misconduct or neglect of duty.

Sec. 6483. Vacancies—no compensation.—Vacancies in the board of directors, occasioned by removals, resignation or otherwise, shall be reported to the mayor, and be filled in like manner as original appointments, and

no director shall receive compensation as such.

SEC. 6484. Duty of board of directors—appointment of officers—

powers, etc.—Said directors shall be known and styled in their corporate name as the board of directors of the public library, and in such name may exercise the powers hereinafter granted. They shall, immediately after appointment, meet and organize by the election of one of their number as president, and by the election of such other officers as they may deem necessary. They shall make and adopt such by-laws, rules and regulations for their own guidance, and for the government of the library and reading-room, as may be expedient, not inconsistent with this ar-They shall have the exclusive control of the expenditure of ticle. all moneys collected to the credit of the library fund, and of the construction of any library building, and of the supervision, care and custody of the grounds, rooms or buildings constructed, leased or set apart for that purpose; provided that all moneys received for such library shall be deposited in the treasury of said city, to the credit of the library fund, and shall be kept separate and apart from other moneys of such city, and drawn upon by the proper officers of said city, upon the properly authenticated vouchers of the library board. Said board shall have power to purchase, hold or lease grounds, to occupy, lease or erect an appropriate building or buildings for the use of the said library, and to issue bonds, secured by deed of trust on any land of which they may be possessed, for the purpose of erecting library buildings, and for no other purpose; and all property by such board purchased, or otherwise obtained, shall vest in such board as a body corporate, and be held by it in trust. They shall have power to appoint a suitable librarian and necessary assistants, and fix their compensation, and shall also have power to remove such appointees; and shall, in general, carry out the spirit and intent of this article in establishing and maintaining a public library and reading-room.

Sec. 6485. Board shall make annual report to mayor—contents.—The said board of directors shall make, on or before the second Monday in June, an annual report to the mayor, stating the condition of their trust on the first day of May of that year, the various sums of money received from the library fund and from other sources, and how such moneys have been expended and for what purposes; the number of books and periodicals on hand, the number added by purchase, gift or otherwise, during the year; the number and general character and kind of such books, with such other statistics, information and suggestions as they may deem of general interest. All such portions of said report as relate to the receipt and expenditure of money, as well as the number of books on hand, books lost or missing, and books purchased, shall be verified by affidavit.

Sec. 6486. *Penalties, how imposed.*—The said cities shall have power to pass ordinances imposing suitable penalties for the punishment of persons committing injury upon such library, or the grounds or other property thereof, and for injury to or failure to return any book belonging to such library.

CITY ORDINANCE.

AN ORDINANCE for the protection of the property of the Public (Free) Library of St. Louis and for the punishment of persons injuring or failing to return the same.

Be it ordained by the Municipal Assembly of St. Louis, as follows:

Section 1. Every person who shall take from the Public (Free) Library any book, pamphlet, periodical, paper or other property, except in accordance with the rules of such library, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine in the sum of not less than \$5 nor more than \$25 for each offense.

Sec. 2. Every person who shall take or borrow from the Public (Free) Library any book, pamphlet, periodical, paper or other property, and neglect to return the same within two weeks from the date of mailing a notice to his address, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine in the sum of not less than

\$1 nor more than \$10 for each offense.

Sec. 3. Every person who shall willfully and wantonly cut, mutilate, mark, tear, write upon, deface, or otherwise destroy or injure, in whole or in part, any book, pamphlet, periodical, map, document, picture, or written or engraved or printed paper, belonging to the Public (Free) Library, or shall suffer any such injury to be inflicted while such property is in his custody, or shall willfully or wantonly injure any of the furniture or property in the building of the Library, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine in the sum of not less than \$5 nor more than \$100.

Sec. 4. All fines collected under this ordinance shall be paid over to the Free Library Fund for the use of the Library, and it shall be the duty of the City Attorney promptly to prosecute all violations of this ordinance.

Approved April 9th, 1894.

CITY ORDINANCE.

AN ORDINANCE to prevent contagion from books of the Public Library, defining the duties of the Health Commissioner in relation thereto, and providing penalties for the violation of said provisions.

Be it ordained by the Municipal Assembly of the City of St. Louis, as follows:

Section 1. It is hereby made the duty of the Health Commissioner, whenever any house is posted by the Health Department as having a contagious disease therein, immediately to notify the Public Library Board thereof; and such report to the Library Board of the houses so posted shall

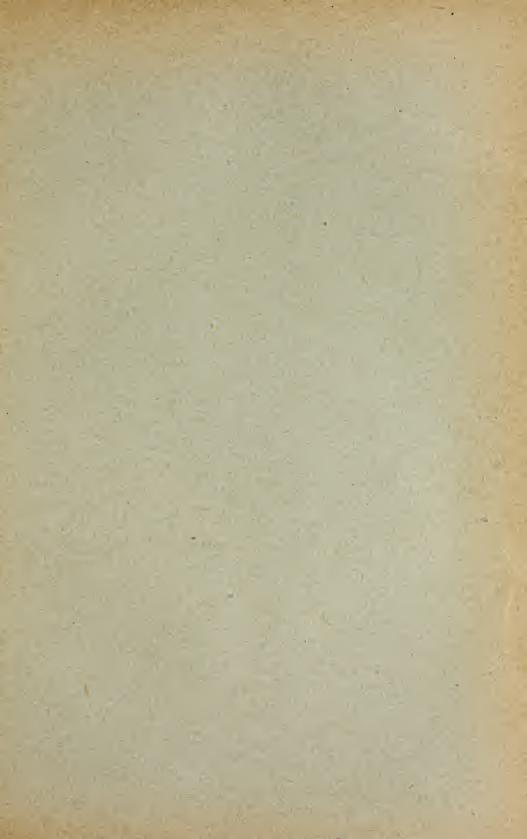
be made daily by the Health Commissioner.

Sec. 2. Whenever any notice of contagious disease is posted upon any house by the Health Department, the agent of said department putting up said notice shall inquire at the time if the house contains any book, periodical or pamphlet belonging to the Public Library, and shall thereupon demand and take immediate possession of said book, periodical or pamphlet, and remove the same to the office of the Health Department; and the Health Commissioner shall immediately notify the Public Library, giving the number and name of the book, periodical or pamphlet, and the house where received; and the Health Commissioner shall immediately cause said books, periodicals or pamphlets to be disinfected and returned to the Library.

Sec. 3. Any person in whose family there is a contagious disease who does not promptly report and surrender to the Health Commissioner any book, periodical or pamphlet belonging to the Public Library, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine

of not less than \$5 nor more than \$25.

Approved July 24th, 1894.



DELIVERY STATIONS.

No. LOCATION.	Proprietor.	DELIVERY DAYS.
No. LOCATION. 1Garrison & Easton Aves	W. B. Pilkington	Daily.
2Grand & St. Louis Aves		
3Grand & Nat. Bridge Rd	A. J. Hoenny	Mon. & Thur.
4Newstead & St. Louis Aves	A. Ludwig	Daily.
5E. Grand & 20th St	Theo. H. Wurmb	Mon. & Thur.
63625 N. Broadway		
714th & Monroe	F. H. Fricke	Daily.
8Gravois & Arsenal St	B. Jost	Daily.
9Bates & Virginia Ave		
101701 Park Ave	Wm, C. Bolm	Daily.
11Michigan & Kansas St		
12Menard & Barton Sts		
137618 S. Broadway	Hermann Bros	Tues. & Fri.
14Pestalozzi & Salena Sts		
15Meramac & Virginia Aves		
16Tower Grove & Manchester		
17919 N. Sarah St		
18Cabanne Arcade		
19Semple & Easton		
20Marcus & Easton		
21Euclid & Delmar		
22Grand & Finney Aves	F. C. Garthoffner	Daily.
23Broadway & Keokuk	R. S. Vitt	Daily.
24Park & Compton Aves		
25Lafayette & California Aves		
26Chouteau & California Aves		
27G: Ad & Pine		
28Cheltenham		
2923rd & Dodier		
30Leffingwell & Cass Aves		
31Grand & Shenandoah		
32Laclede & Boyle		
33Goode & Easton Aves	Jno. A. Guttmann	Daily.
3412th & Chouteau Ave	F. Angermueller	Daily.
35Morganford Rd. & Scanlan Ave	e.E. A. Schwenker	Mon. & Thur.
364403 Natural Bridge Rd	Mrs. L. H. Miller	Tues. & Fri.
37Broadway & Barton		
381910 N. Grand Ave		
39Westmoreland Hotel Drug Store		
40Manchester & Ecoff Ave		
412918 Manchester Ave		
42Jefferson & Washington Aves		
434865 St. Louis Ave	J W White	Wed. & Sat.
44Broadway & Marion	S Bdwy Drug Store	Wed & Sat
4525th & Bremen Ave		
46Shenandoah & Jefferson Aves		
47Academy & Suburban		
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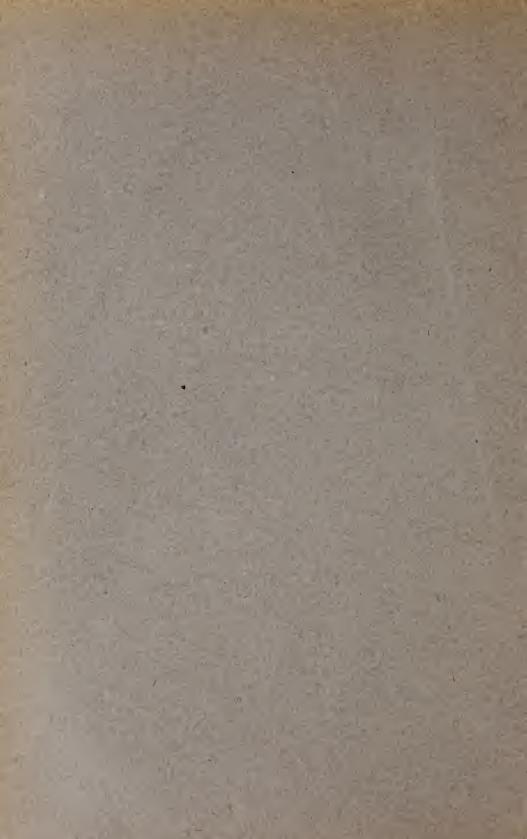
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JUNE, 1899-MAY, 1900.

	Term Expires
BENJAMIN EISEMAN	1900
F. W. LEHMANN	1901
WM. MAFFITT	1901
T. A. MEYSENBURG	1902
JOHN A. NIES	1900
EDWARD L. PREETORIUS	1902
ELLIS WAINWRIGHT	1900
Two vacancies filled in October, 1899, by the appointment of	
O'NEILL RYAN	1902
JOHN F. LEE	1901

STANDING COMMITTEES.

ADMINISTRATION.

Messrs. MEYSENBURG, LEE and WAINWRIGHT.

AUDITING.

Messrs. PREETORIUS, MAFFITT and NIES.

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Messrs. LEE, RYAN and EISEMAN.

EXECUTIVE.

Messrs. LEHMANN, MEYSENBURG, PREETORIUS and LEE.

F. W. LEHMANN, President.
T. A. MEYSENBURG, Vice-President.
FREDERICK M. CRUNDEN, Secretary and Librarian.

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O'NEILL RYAN		1902
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BOOK.

Messrs. LEE, RYAN and EISEMAN.

ADMINISTRATION.

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LIBRARY STAFF.

MAY, 1900.

Librarian	FREDERICK M. CRUNDEN.
Assistant Librarian	JOSEPH F LANGTON
JONATHAN W. GEORGE	Second Assistant-Issue Department.
SULA WAGNER	
MRS. L. SPECK	_
HENRY F, WOODS	Superintendent of Delivery Stations.
PIERCE B. BARNARD	Shelf Curator.
MRS. M. MYERS	Superintendent Reading Room.
JULIA KRUG	Superintendent Juvenile Room.
SYLVIA M. ALLEN	Issue Clerk.
ELSE MILLER	Accountant.
CELESTE SPECK	Registration Clerk.
ROSA M. LEEPER	
KATHARINE T. MOODY	Assistant Cataloguer.
HELEN TUTT	Assistant Cataloguer.
CLARA R. DEAN	Junior Clerk.
EDMUND J. McMAHON	
JOSEPH BRANNIGAN	Junior Clerk.
JOHN L. PARKER	
W. B. A. TAYLOR	
JAMES HACKETT	Junior Clerk.
APPRE	NTICES.
LULA M. WESCOAT.	ADELAIDE HOWE.

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MESSENGERS.

RICHARD ULRICH. GEORGE LORENZ CHARLES H. WILEY. PETER WALKER. EUGENE WALSER. GEORGE KNOPP.

EMMET WATSON. WALTER KOLB. F. J. SUSANKA. CHARLES STODDER. OSCAR EVERS. THEO. FELSCH.

BINDER.

JOSIE SHEEHAN.

JANITORS.

R. KEDGE	Janitor.	T. WEST	Assistant.
MRS. M. DETWEILER	Assistant.	J. C. THOMAS	Assistant.
ATR	EDT DIWATT	Accietant	

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OF THE

ST. LOUIS PUBLIC (FREE) LIBRARY.

St. Louis, Mo., May, 1900.

Hon. Henry Ziegenhein, Mayor of St. Louis:

DEAR SIR—I have to submit herewith the report of Mr. F. M. Crunden, Librarian of the Public Library, for the year ending April 30th, 1900.

This report shows in detail the receipts and expenditures of the Board and the practical operations of the Library during the year.

Through the munificence and public spirit of Mr. Carnegie, of New York, an opportunity has been accorded to our people to greatly enlarge the scope of the Library's utility.

Mr. Carnegie has offered to donate to the Board one million of dollars, one-half of which is to be used in the construction of a main or central building, and the other half in the construction of branches, as these may be required from time to time.

The conditions of this offer are that the city shall provide free sites for the buildings and also provide a maintenance fund of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars per year. The proposition to provide the maintenance fund is now before the people and it is believed will meet with their approval.

To procure unincumbered sites, there are no public funds available. Mr. William Barr has, however, offered to donate one site for

a branch building, and the Lindell Realty Company has made a similar offer. The Board feels assured that there will be no difficulty in getting sites for the branch buildings.

For the purpose of a central building, the Board some years ago acquired the block between Seventeenth and Eighteenth and Olive and Locust Streets. This property is, however, heavily encumbered, and after selling all its outside property the Board would need three hundred thousand dollars to clear the block described. To secure this it is dependent upon the liberality of our citizens.

It would greatly help to the solution of the problem if the block, belonging to the city, and now occupied by the Exposition building, could be restored as a park and the library building located therein. The Board believes that the money to discharge all just claims against this property could be secured, thus leaving the value of the equity in the block now held by the Board to be added to the building fund.

The Exposition block is also believed to be the best available site for the central library, and it is earnestly prayed that the city government will co-operate in all proper ways to secure it for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. LEHMANN.

President of the Board of Directors of the St. Louis Public Library.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

To the Honorable Board of Directors of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library:

I have the honor to submit herewith my report for the year ending with April 30, 1900. As no report has been published for three years, and as in addition to my monthly report I have twice a year, at the end of the calendar and the fiscal year, presented a report on the general condition of the Library, I limit this to a statistical showing of the work done during the year from May 1, 1899, to April 30, 1900.

FINANCES.

RECEIPTS.—The amount received from taxes was \$73,781.47, an increase of \$2,441.34 over the previous year.

The desk receipts were \$4,392.48, an increase of \$490.78. This increase comes from the Collection of Duplicates, the income from which was \$1,300.30, a gain of \$543.72. This is the largest amount ever collected in one year from this source, and is due in a great measure to the open shelves.

No separate account has ever been kept with the Collection of Duplicates; but taking the expenditures from the receipts for the last seven years, we have a balance of \$2,089.42 to the credit of the Collection.

Necessity compelling the use of the Bank Fund for maintainance during the spring and summer months, the interest on current deposits was \$426.36 less than the year before. There was an increase of \$616.95 in rentals.

EXPENDITURES.—Salaries were \$76.99 less than the year before. This may be accounted for by the numerous resignations—the new employes coming in with minimum salaries, while several of those who left had reached the maximum. By the new lease with the Board of Education, a saving of \$3,131.26 was effected. The item for furniture and repairs includes three turnstiles, book cases and toilet room on the seventh floor; remodeling the juvenile room and delivery station room. The expenditure for printing and stationery was less than the year before by \$1,286.94. The excess of the previous year was chiefly for the magazine and German catalogue.

The Delivery Station expenditure increased \$280.57; and postage was \$70.87 less. The greater part of this last item is for delinquent notices and is no expense to the Library, because it is added to and collected with the fines

In a table following, the receipts and expenditures for the year and for the past seven years are given in detail. The total receipts have been \$540,-485.71, and the expenditures,—for maintenance \$306,891.61, and for real estate \$221,065.89,—a total of \$527,957.50.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 9, 1900.

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To bal. in City Treas., April 10, 1899 Collections, April 10, 1899—April 9, 1900	\$ 2467 73,781		Ф <u>7</u> 6 940 49
Bal. in Bank Fund, April 10, 1899	1,300 2,506 226	41	\$76,249 43 1,575 59 76 07
Books lost and paid for and sold	79 205 26 48	30 60 09	4,392 48
Rent (from property bought Jan.,'96, and Apr.,'98, Interest		_	12,945 50 39 98 12 00
Total			95,291 05
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By salaries Books, Main Library Books, Collection of Duplicates Binding Periodicals Collection of Duplicates	3,901 569 3,172 808 248	98 11 77	24,865 27
Building (interest, notes, etc.) Rent Light Insurance Furniture and Repairs	36,973 7,500 24 576 704	36 00 30 25	8,700 85 45,778 48
Expense. Printing and Stationery. Delivery Stations. Postage Sundries Supplies	939 2,005 181 336 134	55 59 90	3,598 24
Total expenditures (including real estate			
Bal. in City Treasury, April 9, 1900			82,762 84 3,306 40 9,115 90 105 91
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Collection of Duplicates account, 1894-1900. Receipts Expenditures			
Balance	<u> </u>	2,089	42

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES, MARCH, 1894, TO APRIL, 1900.

RECEIPTS.

City Collections.	Desk Receipts.	Rent.	Insurance and Wreckage.	Miscella- neous.	Total.
1894 \$ 49,773 52 1895 59,035 80 1896 61,929 51 1897 64,663 32 1898 67,638 45 1899 71,340 13 1900 73,781 47	2,593 26 3,649 98 3,741 31 3,839 86 3,901 72	\$ 482 79 1,879 56 1,480 00 12,328 55	\$ 39,742 72	\$ 3 41 87 96 187 72 424 81 476 24	66,150 24 70,471 91 73,383 12 127,789 36
Total\$448,162,20	\$ 22.232.27	\$ 29.116.40	\$ 39.742.72	\$1.232.12	\$540.485.71

EXPENDITURES.

Maintenance.	Real Estate.	Total.
1895 43,305 69 1896 52,318 48 1897 48,738 69 1898 58,051 90	\$ 40,900 00 24,872 58 29,972 00 88,347 95	43,305 69 93,218 45 73,611 27 88,023 90 144,159 16
Total\$306,891.61	\$221,065.89	\$527,957.50

REGISTRATION.

The total registration for the year ending April 30,1900, was 52,708, with 48,922 cards in use. Of the 13,055 cards expiring, only 3,652 were re-registered. The majority of those not renewing were children who often get cards through their teachers, and on leaving school drop them for the time being.

A record kept by wards was started last November, and the result for the past six months shows that the registration in the twenty-fourth ward was the largest and that of the seventh ward the smallest. The figures appear below.

Registration to April 30, 1899		50,689
Registered May 1, 1899, to April 30, 1900	7,770	•
Re-registered May 1, 1899, to April 30, 1900	3,652	11,422
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Total		62,111
Cards expired and not renewed		9,403
Total cards in force.		
Men	13,049	
Women	15,550	
Children	24,004	
Institutions	96	
Total cards in force		52,708
Cards cancelled	292	,
Cards cancened		
Guarantor withdrawn	494	
Held for fines	2,000	3,786
Total cards in use		48,922

REGISTRATION BY WARDS.

Ward	1	197	Ward 17	254
	2	$\overline{275}$	18	112
	3	357	19	277
	4	322	20	350
	5	115	21	303
	6	227	22	363
	7	99	23	176
	8	133	24	809
	9	653	25	417
	10	482	26	732
	11	308	27	302
	12	279	28	611
	13	281	Suburban	143
	14	168	_	
	15	198	Total9	,213
	16	270		•

The strain on our finances caused by the necessity of paying notes on building site to the amount of \$36,973.36 left very little for the book fund. The additions for the year were, consequently, the least in number and importance since the Library was made free. The figures are given in detail in the following table.

ADDITIONS.

FROM MAY 1, 1889—APRIL 30, 1900.

Olever v	Reg.	Coll. of	(T) = 4 = 1 =:
Classes.	Library.	Duplicates.	Totals.
Philosophy	41		41
Religion	215	1	216
Social Science	843	2	845
Natural Science	694		694
Art and Poetry	217	13	230
Fiction	829	830	1,659
Juvenile Literature	786	5	791
Literary Miscellany	196	14	210
Travels and History	478	9	487
Cyclopædias and Periodicals	268		268
	4,567	874	5,441
Source.			
Purchase	$2,\!575$	874	3,449
Gift	1,581		1,581
Pamphlets, bound	183		183
Periodicals, bound	228		228
	4,567	874	5,441
Language.			
English	4,130	874	5,004
French	188		188
German	229		229
Other	20		20
	4,567	874	5,441

MAY 1, 1899-APRIL 30, 1900.

BOOKS WORN OUT, LOST AND PAID FOR, ETC.

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Worn out and condemned		2,427 137
Lost and paid for		137
Destroyed by fire, etc		46
Charged to readers		127
		111
Total		2,737
Total additions	5.441	
Total additions Less above	2,737	
Net increase	2.704	

Of the 2,427 volumes worn out, 499 were replaced by new copies; of the 137 volumes lost and paid for, 45 were replaced; and of the 46 volumes destroyed, 6 were replaced.

EXCHANGES AND DONATIONS.

The additions to the collection by exchange and gift amount to a total of 3,833 volumes, 6,539 pamphlets, and 479 periodicals. A complete list, with the names of the donors, will be found in an appendix. The more noteworthy gifts were 1,850 volumes and 250 pamphlets from the St. Louis Republic, through the kindness of Mr. Charles W. Knapp; 112 volumes and 25 pamphlets from Hon. John W. Noble; 171 volumes and 15 pamphlets—in French—from Mr. W. A. Gregory; 43 volumes of Victoria Institute Transactions from Mrs. D. S. Tuttle; and 18 directories from the Gould Directory Company.

CONTENTS OF THE LIBRARY.

A careful inventory showed the following:

CLASSIFIED CONTENTS OF THE LIBRARY, JUNE 1, 1900.

		Reg.	Coll. of	
Classes.	Ref.	Library.		Totals.
Philosophy	183	1,207	2 apricates:	1,390
Religion	2,145	2,987		5,132
Social Science	13,457	4,856	1	18,314
Natural Science	9,220	7,319		16,539
Art and Poetry	1,384	5,986	3	7,373
Fiction	312	23,301	370	23,983
Juvenile Literature	342	19,754		20,096
Literary Miscellany	1.937	5,195	5	7,137
Travels and History	2,845	12,721	5	15,571
Cyclopædias and Periodicals	9,003	1,492	1	10,496
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Total	40,828	84,818	385	126,031
Unentered duplicates and books not ye Total (about)	et catalog	ued, (abou	ıt)	6,000 132,000
CONTENTS	BY ROOM	s.		·
Circulation Department.				
Regular Library			84,495	
Coll. of Duplicates			385	
Froebel Collection				
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			85,203	
Medical, foreign documents and	dother	reference	55,250	
books in Circulation Departmen	t		2,535	87,738
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Reference Department.	-
Public Document Room	11,431
U. S. (Hall, etc.,)	6,766
Reading-room (other than U.S.)	703
Art Department	2,000
Catalogue Room	298
Office	41
Reference Room	
McAnally Collection	
	126 031

BINDING.

During the year 8,486 volumes were sent to the bindery. Of these, 764 volumes, chiefly periodicals, were bound for the first time, and 7,722 were rebound. The average cost of the latter was 40 cents. There were, also, 8,904 volumes repaired in the Library at an average cost of 4 cents a volume.

CIRCULATION.

The total home circulation for the year was 707,823, a gain of 9,484; Library and Reference Room—66,966, a gain of 1,234; Reading Room—201,886, a gain of 6,103: total issue of books and periodicals, 976,675, a gain of 16,281. The chief gain was at the main desk and was almost entirely through the Collection of Duplicates. There was a loss in the Delivery Stations of 1,250, and in supplementary reading of 1,224. This last may be partly explained by the large amount of supplementary reading furnished by the School Board, often duplicating our sets.

The Library was open every day in the year. The largest week-day issue was—home use 5,844, Reading and Reference Room 1,197, a total of 7,041. The smallest week-day issue was—home use 1,330, Reading and Reference Room 462, a total of 1,792. The average daily issue for home use was 1,939. The average Sunday issue was 307.

Figures in detail will be found in the following tables:

ISSUE BY MONTHS FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1900.

		HOME	Library.					
· •	Main Library. Delivery Stations.		Schools.	chools. Total.		Reading	Total.	
May June July August September October November December January February March April Total 1898-99 Gain	35935 32042 33911 33781 32775 35674 38529 34145 44561 37633 44938 37794 441718 429760	19468 15960 14950 14425 14395 14168 15496 15498 17986 17392 21549 17864 199151 200401	9617 554 30 2200 5965 8088 2359 6412 5308 12176 14250 66954 68178	65020 48556 48891 48206 49370 55807 62108 52002 68959 60333 78663 69908 707823 698339	4554 3576 3922 4153 3880 5765 6378 6594 7852 6714 6344	14774 12402 12047 10855 12242 14397 18092 21611 23733 22802 22686 16245 201886 195783	84348 64534 64860 63214 65492 75969 86578 80207 100544 89849 108583 92497	
Loss	11958	1250	1224	9484	1234	6103	16821	

CLASSIFIED CIRCULATION.

	Home Issue.	Per Cent.	Library Issue.	Per Cent.	Total Issue of Books.	Per Cent.
Philosophy Religion Social Science Natural Science Art Poetry Fiction Juvenile Literary Miscellany Travels. History Biography Cyclopaedias and Magazines Total	3886 3649 7814 16800 6024 11455 383267 219016 18412 9529 14880 9262 9829 707823	.47 .51 1.11 2.37 .85 1.62 54.14 30.94 1.88 1.39 2.03 1.30 1.39	1181 2498 5812 6999 4127 5187 8898 1057 5543 3924 43536 7082 11727	1.68 3.72 7.93 10.45 6.17 7.67 13.20 1.57 8.30 6.00 5.18 10.57 17.56	4517 6142 13126 23799 10151 16592 392165 220073 18955 13453 17916 16344 21556	.58 .79 1.69 3.20 1.32 2.12 50.61 28.41 2.34 1.74 2.33 2.10 2.77

LIBRARY AND READING ROOM ISSUE FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1900.

	Library Use.	Reading Room.	Total.
May	4,554	14,774	19,328
June	3,576	12,402	15,978
July	3,922	12,047	15,969
August	4,153	10,855	15,008
September	3,880	12,242	16,122
October	5,765	14,397	20,162
November	6,378	18,092	24,470
December	6,594	21,611	28,205
January	7,852	23,733	31,585
February	6,714	22,802	29,516
March	7,234	22,686	29,920
April	6,344	16,245	22,589
Total	66,966	201,886	268,852
Average	5,580	16,284	22,404

HOLIDAY ISSUE, 1899-1900.

	Home		Reading	
	Issue.	Library.	Room.	Total.
Decoration Day	1,271	162	535	1,968
Fourth of July	209	42	215	466
Labor Day	1,297	130	330	1,757
Thanksgiving Day	378	105	412	895
Christmas Day	37	47	343	427
New Year's Day	387	133	328	848
Washington's Birthday	1,938	235	870	3,043
•				
Total	5,517	854	3,033	9,404
Average	788	122	433	1,343

TOTAL CIRCULATION BY YEARS SINCE THE LIBRARY WAS MADE FREE.

	'94-'95	'95–'96	'96–'97	'97-'98	'98–'99	'99–'00
Home	331426	472718	551059	647171	698339	707823
	40628	46082	51240	69070	65732	66966
	165359	170142	184729	204259	195783	201886
	537413	688942	787028	920500	959854	976675

COLLECTION OF DUPLICATE ISSUE BY YEARS SINCE THE LIBRARY WAS MADE FREE.

	1					
	'94-'95	'95–'96	'96–'97	'97-'98	'98-'99	'99–'00
May	612	1394	990	1258	1096	1401
June	542	1222	978	1160	1625	1324
July	643	1192	900	1034	1029	1320
August	733	1225	930	985	1102	1574
September	666	1016	878	972	917	1707
October	771	1130	995	1367	1307	1930
November	931	1302	1046	1643	1281	2230
December	987	1257	1181	1894	1423	2577
January	1190	1469	1389	1858	1507	3082
February	1482	1489	1413	1670	1491	2536
March	1780	1378	1380	1680	1591	3548
April	1649	1085	1396	1394	1446	2755
Total	11986	15159	13476	16915	15815	25984
Average	990	1266	1123	1409	1269	2165
Library issue		Librai Readi	ry issue ng-rooi	e		~ 23
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Total 446	•					. 7
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Average daily issue. 1,938 Home issue. 186 Reading-room issue. 553 Total. 2,678	Ave	Tota erage w Home Libra Readi	veek-da issue ry issue ng-room	y issue	······································	2,26
Average daily issue. Home issue	Ave	Total erage w Home Librar Readi Total	veek-da issue ry issue ng-roon alunday	y issue	······································	2,26 20 60 3,06
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Average daily issue. Home issue	Ave	Total erage w Home Librar Readi Total erage S	reek-da issue ry issue ng-room alunday ry use.	y issue	······································	. 7. . 10 . 2,26 . 20 . 60 . 3,06

DELIVERY STATIONS, DEPOSITORIES, TRAVELING LIBRARIES, ETc.

Out of a total of 707,823 volumes drawn for reading outside of the Library, 266,105 were distributed through delivery stations or by means of boxes of books that were sent to the public schools, or from small collections deposited in public schools and Sunday schools, in self-culture halls, social settlements, etc. At the close of the year forty delivery stations were in operation, of which twenty had daily deliveries and the others deliveries twice a week. Sets of supplementary reading to the number of 228 went on their rounds through the schools. In March a number of public schools in the outlying sections of the city were supplied with collections for permanent deposit. Collections had previously been deposited in a number of Sunday schools, several self-culture halls, social settlements and one factory. A number of the Sunday school collections were withdrawn and the size of others decreased, because they were so little used. It has been difficult to

obtain regular reports from some Sunday schools, and in a few cases trouble has been experienced in securing the return of books.

We had, at the close of the year, 228 sets, each containing twenty-five or thirty copies of a book carefully chosen for supplementary reading, which during the year were drawn by the following schools:

Columbia, Stoddard, Penrose, Clinton, Lyon, Carr, Hodgen, Cote Brilliante, Sherman, Pestalozzi, Riddick, Meramac, Carondelet, Ames, Arlington, Webster, Clifton Heights, Laclede, Benton, Chouteau, Harrison, Gratiot, Elleardville, Eliot, Pope, Dozier, Shepard, Grant, Humboldt, Fremont, Franklin, Ashland, Shields, Monroe, Madison, L'Ouverture, Garnett, Wheatley, Jackson, Marquette, Walnut Park, Froebel, Mt. Pleasant, Charless, Lafayette, Adams, Irving Night School, Douglas, Des Peres, Washington, Clay, Jefferson, Wayman Crow, Dumas.

The registration through the delivery stations was 4,060.

The collections at railway power houses were withdrawn during the year, as the issue did not justify their continuance.

After January 1st, under a new and more favorable contract, arrangements were made for daily deliveries at ten additional stations, making in all twenty stations thus served.

The whole station system is divided into north and south routes, the wagon from the first of which is scheduled to arrive at the Library at 9 • A.M., leaving at 11 A.M. The second arrives at 10:45 A.M., and leaves at 2 P.M. The new contractor has provided for the service two strong wagons, appropriately lettered, with hardy stock, and the service is all that was promised and highly satisfactory. Changes in the arrangement of the room have greatly facilitated the work of this department, Printed rules have been framed and hung up in every station.

The issue of each station is given in the following table:

		_	_	
1	6,312	4	21	2,991
2	8,206		22	11,346
3	3,443		23	7,125
4	7,085		$\overline{24}$	3,415
5	4,560		25	8,641
6	3,466		26	1,258
7	3,313		27	2,859
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8	4,710	1	28	1,158
9	1,317		29	4,503
10	7,259	1	30	3,219
11	3,668	1	31	2,746
12	2,548		32	1,964
13	2,252	Δ.	33	8,293
14	16,766		34	2,419
15				731
	2,924		35	
16	4,721		36	3,556
17	3,719		37	2,005
18	5,765	0	38	3,542
19	4,968		39	- 268
20	8,007		40	359

Public schools (supplementary reading), 66,954; Shepard School (depository), 2,908; Second Baptist Sunday School (weekly delivery), 5,332; Sunday schools and other depositories, 12,624; railway power houses, 599; self-culture hall, 281; total, 266,105.

MR. CARNEGIE'S GIFT.

The presentation of this report comes at the dawning of a new epoch in the history of the Library. The generous offer of Mr. Carnegie, with its wise conditions of self-help, will immeasurably increase the influence of the institution. His gift will supply the most pressing need, a commodious, fire-proof and convenient building; and the conditions attached to it will provide for the proper maintenance of the Library and the branches to be built in the next few years; and by the time a larger revenue shall be needed, the benefits of the expanded library will be so manifest that the public will be willing to vote a farther increase of the rate, if the growth of assessed valuation does not keep pace with the developing system of branch libraries. Thanks to Mr. Carnegie's munificence, the future we had hoped for and believed in is at hand.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK M. CRUNDEN,

Librarian.

STATE OF MISSOURI, CITY OF ST. LOUIS. \} ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a notary public within and for the city of St. Louis, Mo., appeared Edw. L. Preetorius, personally known to me, who, being duly sworn by me, stated that the statement of receipts and expenditures of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library contained in the foregoing report of the Librarian for the year ending April 30, 1900, on account of City appropriation and other sources, is true and correct.

EDW. L. PREETORIUS,

Chairman Auditing Committee,

Board of Directors St. Louis Public (Free) Library.

Sworn and subscribed to before me, a notary public for the city of St. Louis, this first day of April, 1901.

(Seal.)

H. A. BERKEMEYER,

My term expires June 10, 1902.

STATE OF MISSOURI, CITY OF ST. LOUIS. } ss.

Before the undersigned, a notary public within and for the city of St. Louis, Mo., appeared F. M. Crunden, Librarian of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library, who is personally known to me, who, being by me duly sworn, stated that the foregoing report of the Board of Directors of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library is true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

F. M. CRUNDEN, Librarian.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 1st day of April, 1901.

(Seal.)

GUSTAVUS M. BAARE,
Notary Public.

My term expires March 13, 1905.

APPENDIX.

DONATIONS, MAY 1. 1899—APRIL 30, 1900.

3833 volumes and 6539 pamphlets, 479 periodicals, were received as exchanges and donations from 1435 sources, as follows:—

7	ols. I	Pnhe	7	ols. I	Pnhe
Abell, A. S. & Co. Baltimore	015. 1	1	Baille's Institution. Free Library.	015. 1	pus.
Academy of Natural Science		î	Glasgow. Scotland		1
Aguilar Free Library. N. Y. City		7	Glasgow, Scotland Baldwin, F. S. Boston Baltimore. Chamber of Commerce		î
Alabama. Agric. Exp. Station Geol. Survey		4	Baltimore. Chamber of Commerce	16	
— Geol. Survey		3	City Library	3	^
State Auditor		2	Bangor, Me. Public Library Banta, T. M. N. Y, City Barbee, Mrs. C. M		1
— Industrial and Scientific Soc.		3	Banta, T. M. N. Y, City	1	
State Bar Assoc		9	Barbee, Mrs. C. M		1
Allerton, W. S. N. Y. City	1		Barnes Medical College. St. Louis		1
Amer. Academy of Polit. and So-			Bate, W. B. Nashville, Tenn		1
cial Science	****	3	Bayer Company, Ltd. Elberfeld,		_
Amer. Agriculturist Library		1	Germany	5	2
Amer. Anti-Imperialist League	•••••	12	Beebe Town Library. Wakefield,		
Amer. Anti-Trust League		58	Mass		1
Amer. Antiquarian Soc	•••••	1	Belgium. Dept. of Agric. and		0.77
Amer. Assoc. for Advancement of			Public Works		27
Science Amer. Banker's Assoc	1		— Dept. of Foreign Affairs		5
Amer. Baptist Publication Soc	1	1	Dept. of Interior and Pub. In-		,
Amer. Bar Assoc	1		struction————————————————————————————————————	1	1
Amer. Board of Comm. for Foreign	1		Berlin. Bur. of Statistics		1
Missions		16	— Magistrates	3	1
Amer. Book Co	9	10	Bernd, H. St. Louis	9	1
Amer. Church Missionary Soc		5	Birmingham, Ala. Public Schools		i
Amer, Climatological Assoc	1		Birmingham, Eng. Free Libraries		_
Amer. Colonization Soc		4	Comm		1
Amer. Congregational Soc		$\dot{\tilde{2}}$	Blaetter für Volksbibliotheken.		_
Amer. Fisheries Soc		$\tilde{7}$	Leipzig. Ger		1
Amer. Institute of Architects		\dot{i}	Borgen, V. Copenhagen, Denmark		î
Amer, Inst. of Electrical Engineers	1		Boston, Auditor	1	
Amer. Inst. of Homoeopathy	î		Board of Overseers of the	_	
Amer. Laryngological Asso	ī		Poor		2
Amer. Medico-Psychological			Chamber of Commerce	1	
Assoc	1		— Children's Aid Soc		1
Amer. National Red Cross Relief			Children's Institutions Dept	1	1
Comm		1	— Dept. of Parks		1
Amer. Negro Academy	•••••	5	Health Dept	1	3
Amer. Numismatic and Archæolo-			- Improved Dwelling Assoc.		1
gical Soc.		1	Industrial Aid Soc		1
Amer, Park and Outdoor Art		2	Industrial School for Crippled and Deformed Children		1
Amer. School of Osteopathy	******	7	- Mayor		1
Amer. Social Science Assoc	1		Museum of Fine Arts		i
Amer. Soc. for Prevention of Cru-	-		Provident Assoc		$\hat{\bar{5}}$
elty to Animals		2	Public Library	41	88
Amer. Soc. of Civil Engineers	2		School Committee	4	17
Amer. Swedenborg Printing &			- Soc. for Medical Improve-	_	
Publ. Co	3		— Soc, for Medical Improvement	1	
Amer. Union League Soc	1		Architectural Club	1	
Amer. Unitarian Assoc		1	—— Athenæum		1
Amer. Waltham Watch Co. Walt-			— Bar Assoc	•	1
ham, Mass		6	— Book Co		5
Amherst College. Amherst, Mass.		4	Transit Commission	4	•••••
Anglo-Amer. Publ. Co. N. Y. City.		5	Women's Educational and In-		_
Anonymous	18	14	dustrial Union		1
Anti-Imperialist League. Wash.,		90	— Young Men's Christian Union-	1	
D. O		39	Bostonian Society		1
Arizona. Agricultural Exp. Sta-		9	Bowditch. Dr. V. Y. Boston Bowdoin College. Brunswick, Me.		, 3
Arkansas. Bureau of Mines		$\frac{3}{1}$	Royd D. Greeley Colo	1 1	ð
Armour Inst. of Technology. Chi-		1	Boyd, D. Greeley, Colo Branch, C. St. Louis	i	
cago, Ill		1	Brandenberger, W. A. St. Louis.	3	
Art League of St. Louis		3	Breslau, H. Handelshammer.	9	
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fé R.			Prussia		1
R. Co		2	Bridgeport Public Library. Conn		î
Augsburg Carding & Spinning Mill.			Brinley heirs. Phil		$\hat{\bar{5}}$
Augsburg, Germany		1	Bristol (Eng.) Public Library		ĭ
Australia. Dept. of Land and			Broadhead, G. C. Columbia, Mo Brockton, Mass. Public Library		1
Surveys	1	6	Brockton, Mass. Public Library		6
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V	ols. I	phs.		ols. F	phs.
Bronson Library. Waterbury,			Cockrell, Hon. F. M. Warrens-		
Conn.		3	burg, MoCollege Settlements Assoc. N. Y.		1
Brookline, Mass. Public Library. — Educational Society — Brooklyn, N. Y. Public Library. Broshahan, Rev. T. Woodstock,		18	City		. 1
Brooklyn N V Public Library		2	Colorado Agric Exp Station		4
Brosnahan Ren T Woodstock		4	Colorado. Agric. Exp. Station Bur. of Mines		$\overline{5}$
Md	1	1	- State Fish Comm'r		ĭ
Brown University, Providence,			- State Insurance Dept	1	1
R. I	1		State School of Mines		2
R. I. Buchmueller, S. St Louis Buffalo. Charity Organizations Society		12	— State School of Mines	2 .	2
Buffalo. Charity Organizations		_	University Bollider Colo		1
Society		ļ	Columbia Theater. St. Louis Columbia University. N. Y. City Columbian University. Washing-	$\frac{1}{2}$	
— Public Library Bunker Hill Boys' Club		5	Columbia University. N. 1. City	2	
Punker Hill Monument Assoc	1	1	ton, D. C	-	1
Burnham Rev M St. Louis	1	13	Columbus, O. Public School Li-		1
Burr. Mrs. C. P. St. Louis		9	brary		2
Bunker Hill Monument Assoc Burnham, Rev. M. St. Louis Burr, Mrs. C. P. St. Louis Bussey Institution. Jamaica		·	braryConcord, N. H. Public LibraryCongregational Home Missionary		1
Plains, Mass		1	Congregational Home Missionary		
Byars, W. V. Kirkwood, Mo		1	Soc		2
Byford, Dr. H. T. Phil	1		Connecticut. Bank Commr's		1
Bynum, Hon. W. D. Indianapolis,			— Bd. of Agric————————————————————————————————————	1	
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LetterSemi-Mont	hly	Jennings, La. Jennings Times Weekly
Columbus. O. Charities and Correc-		Weather Bureau
		Kansas City. BatonMonthly
- Occult Science Ouarte	rly	Kirksville Mo Journal of Ostoo-
Commonwealth, Ga. Social Gospel. Mont	hly	pathy
— Honey Jar. Mont — Occult Science. Quarte Commonwealth, Ga. Social Gospel. Mont Concord. N. H. Journal of Specula-	5	Norns Monthly
tive PhilosophyIrregu Corvallis, <i>Oregon</i> . New Dispensation. Mont	ılar	Knoxville, Tenn. American Homes. Monthly
Corvallis. Oregon. New Dispensation Mont	hly	Tennessee University Magazine. Monthly
Council Bluffs, Ia. Flower Mission Magazine	hlv	- University of Tennesse RecordBi-Monthly
Magazine	ALL Y	B-Monthly

Lamoni, Ia. Autumn LeavesMonthly	MindMonthly
Lansing. Mich. Industrial Enterprise. Monthly — Michigan Monthly Bulletin of	— Mind Monthly — Model Engineer Monthly
— Michigan Monthly Bulletin of	MoneyMonthly
Vital Statistics Monthly	— Money Monthly — National Provisioner Weekly
Lebanon, Ill. Lebanon JournalWeekly	— New Century
Lewiston, Idaho. Lewiston Tribune	New Church MessengerWeekly
Semi-Weekly	— New EarthMonthly
Lincoln, Neb. Nebraska Independent. Weekly	— Oil. Paint and Drug Reporter Weekly
Little Rock, Ark. Arkansas Staats	— Open Window Monthly — Optimist Monthly
ZeitungWeekly	OptimistMonthly
London, Eng. Child's GuardianMonthly — Daily MailDaily	— Our Animal Friends Monthly
— Daily MailDaily	- Our Boys' and Girls' Own Monthly
— Herald of PeaceWeekly — Journal of EducationMonthly	Painter's Magazina Monthly
— Journal of Education Monthly	— PeopleWeekly
London and Glasgow, Labor Leader. Weekly	Public SpiritMonthly
London, Eng. Liberty ReviewMonthly	RudderMonthly
London, Eng. Liberty Review Monthly — National Waif's Magazine Monthly	People Weekly Public Spirit Monthly Rudder Monthly School Weekly Shorthand Educator Monthly
— Phonetic Journal Weekly	Shorthand Educator Monthly
— Pioneer of WisdomMonthly	Straight Edge Weekly
— Positivist ReviewMonthly	— Straight Edge Weekly Street Railway Journal Monthly
War Against WarWeekly	— Students Journal Monthly Talent Monthly
Los Angeles, Cal. Alto AngelenoWeekly	— TalentMonthly
— California Cultivator Monthly — Capital	Twentieth Century Astrologer
— CapitalWeekly	— Universal BrotherhoodMonthly
Forward Movement HeraldWeekly	Oakland, Cal. Mechanic's Institute
— Investor Weekly	BulletinMonthly
— Investor Weekly — Oil Era Weekly	- Saturday Press. Weekly
Louisville, Ky. International Mes-	— Saturday Press Weekly — Signs of the Times Weekly
sengerMonthly	Paris, France. Journal Droit Inter-
Madison, Wis. Wisconsin Journal	national PriveMonthly
of EducationMonthly	— Revue des Livres Semi-Monthly
Manchester, Eng. RechabiteMonthly	Parkville, Mo. Park Review. Quarterly
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Maplewood, Mo. St. Louis and Her	Peoria, Ill. Trades and Labor
SuburbsMonthly	
Melhourne Australasian Weekly	Philadelphia American Weekly
Milwaukee Wis Badger Monthly	- Assaver Monthly
- Echo Polskie Weekly	Gazette Weekly Philadelphia. American Weekly — Assayer. Mouthly — Association News Weekly — Association Review Bi-Monthly — Book News Monthly — City and State Weekly — Double Cross Monthly — Food More and Cordon Weekly
- Erziehungs-Blaetter Monthly	- Association Review Bi-Monthly
- Kurver Polski Daily	Book News Monthly
— Pook's Sun Weekly	- City and State Wookly
Wayside Semi-Monthly	- Double Cross Monthly
Whist Monthly	Food Home and Garden Weekly
Suburbs Monthly Melbourne. Australasian Weekly Milwaukee, Wis. Badger. Monthly — Echo Polskie Weekly — Erziehungs-Blaetter Monthly — Kuryer Polski. Daily — Peck's Sun Weekly — Wayside Semi-Monthly — Whist Monthly Minneapolis, Minn. Microcosm Monthly — Minneapolis Times Daily	— Forest Leaves Bi-Monthly
Minneapolis, Minn. Microcosm	- Griffin's Journal Monthly
National Single Tayer Weekly	— Journal of Zoönhily Monthly
— People's Paper — Weekly	Literary Era Monthly
Progress Weekly	Meehan's Monthly Monthly
Representative Weekly	Nazarene Weekly
Moherly Mo Silver StatesmanWeekly	New Ideas Monthly
Morton Park, Ill. Christian LifeQuarterly	— Peacemaker Monthly
Newark, Del. Educational News	Philadelphia, Præco Latinus, Monthly
Semi-Monthly	Pittsburg, Pa. Coal and CokeWeekly
Semi-Monthly Decatur Vitascope	Pomerov, O. Single Tax News Weekly
New Orleans, La. HarlequinWeekly	Port Huron, Mich. ReviewMonthly
New Orleans Daily City ItemDaily	Portland, Oregon, Oregon Native
New Orleans, La. HarlequinWeekly — New Orleans Daily City ItemDaily New York. Aluminum WorldMonthly	Double Cross Monthly Ford, Home and Garden Weekly Forest Leaves Bi-Monthly Griffin's Journal Monthly Journal of Zoöphily Monthly Literary Era Monthly Meehan's Monthly Monthly Nazarene Weekly New Ideas Monthly Peacemaker Monthly Philadelphia. Præco Latinus Monthly Pittsburg. Pa. Coal and Coke Weekly Pomeroy, O. Single Tax News Weekly Port Huron, Mich. Review Monthly Portland, Oregon. Oregon Native
American EconomistWeekly	
— American Economist	World's Advance-Thought Monthly
New York and Chicago. American	Prieblo Colo II Vindice Weekly
School Board JournalMonthly	Quebec, Canada. Courier du Livre Monthly
New York (City). American Sentinel. Weekly	Quebec, Canada. Courier du LivreMonthly Richmond. Ind. MessengerMonthly St. Joseph, Mo. Jewish Weekly
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Semi-Monthly	Keview
— AtlantisWeekly	St. Paul, Minn. Charities and Cor-
Automobile MagazineMonthly	raction
School Board Journal Monthly New York (Vity). American Sentinel. Weekly American Wheelman Weekly Art Collector Semi-Monthly Atlantis Weekly Automobile Magazine Monthly Baker's Review Monthly Book Reviews Monthly Brazilian Bulletin Quarterly Christian Forum Monthly Church Union Monthly Collector and Art Critic Semi-Monthly Cook's Excursionist Monthly	— Mail Order Monthly
— Book ReviewsMonthly	Salmon, Idaho, Lemki Republic Weekly
— Book SellerMonthly	San Antonia, Tex., and Mexico. In-
— Brazilian Bulletin Quarterly	dustrial WorldMonthly
— Christian ForumMonthly	San Francisco. Camornia Arem-
— Church UnionMonthly	tect
— Collector and Art Critic Semi-Monthly	Insurance SunMonthly
— Cook's ExcursionistMonthly — CriterionWeekly	- Mining and Scientific Press Weekly
— Criterion Weekly	— Something DifferentWeekly
— Delta Kanna EnsilonQuarterly	StarWeekly
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— Druggist's CircularMonthly	
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Sydney, Australia. Farm and Dairy. Monthly — Sydney Morning Herald	— American Inventor Weekly — Forester Monthly — Inventive Age Monthly — Jeffersonian Democrat Monthly — National Elks' Horn Monthly — National Watchman Weekly — Postal Record Monthly — Public Health Reports Weekly Washington, D. C. Uncle Sam's — U. S. Congressional Records Weekly — U. S. Consular Reports Monthly — U. S. Consular Reports Monthly — U. S. Consular Special Irregular — U. S. Patent Office Official Gazette Weekly — U. S. Weather Bureau Climate and Crop Service Monthly Wheaton, Ill. Wheaton College Record Monthly Wilmington, Del. "Justice" Weekly York, Penn. Lutheran Missionary Journal Monthly
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MEDICAL PERIODICALS.

Denver. Denver Medical TimesMonthly Ft. Wayne. Ft. Wayne Medical	St. Louis. Clinique
	— Medical British Semi-Monthly — Medical Mirror
	Meyer Brothers DruggistMonthly





DELIVERY STATIONS.

No. Location.	PROPRIETOR.	DELIVERY DAYS.
No. Location. 1Garrison & Easton Aves	W. B. Pilkington	Daily.
2Grand & St. Louis Aves	L. Sloper	Daily.
3Grand & Nat. Bridge Rd		
4Newstead & St. Louis Aves		
5E. Grand & 20th St		
63625 N. Broadway	Waldeck Bros	Daily.
714th & Monroe	.F. H. Fricke	Daily.
8Gravois & Arsenal St	B. Jost	Daily.
9Bates & Virginia Ave	. Bates St. Pharmacy	Tues. & Fri.
101701 Park Ave	Wm. C. Bolm	Daily.
11Michigan & Kansas St	Schneider's Pharmacy	Tues. & Fri.
12Menard & Barton Sts		
137618 S. Broadway		
14Pestalozzi & Salena Sts		
15Meramac & Virginia Aves		
16Tower Grove & Manchester		
17919 N. Sarah St		
18Cabanne Arcade		
19Semple & Easton	E A Bernius	Daily
20 Marcus & Easton		
21Euclid & Delmar		
22Grand & Finney Aves		
23Broadway & Keokuk		
24Park & Compton Aves		
25Lafayette & California Aves		
26Chouteau & California Aves	Rodemich Pharmacy	Mon & Thur
27Grand & Pine		
28Cheltenham		
2923rd & Dodier	T Tont"	Doily
30Leffingwell & Cass Aves		
31Grand & Shenandoah	Wm F Ittney	Daily.
32Laclede & Boyle		
33Goode & Easton Aves		
3412th & Chouteau Ave		
35Morganford Rd. & Scanlan Ave		
364403 Natural Bridge Rd		
37Broadway & Barton		
381910 N. Grand Ave	Coem Drug Co	Wed. & Sat.
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412918 Manchester Ave	J. H. Inompson	wea. & sat.
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4525th & Bremen Ave		
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47Academy & Suburban		
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1900-'01.

ST. LOUIS: THE FREEGARD PRESS,



The annual reports of the Public Library have heretofore been included in the Mayor's messages and accompanying documents, and afterwards reprinted by the Library. The late appearance and simultaneous issue of these four reports is due to the fact that for three years the last city administration printed no reports. These are now published directly by the Library Board.



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JUNE, 1900-MAY, 1901.

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BENJAMIN EISEMAN	1900
JOHN F. LEE	1901
F. W. LEHMANN	1901
WM, MAFFITT.	1901
T. A. MEYSENBURG	1902
JOHN A. NIES	1900
EDWARD L. PREETORIUS	1902
O'NEILL RYAN	1902
ELLIS WAINWRIGHT	1900

STANDING COMMITTEES.

EXECUTIVE.

Messrs. LEHMANN, WAINWRIGHT, LEE, MEYSENBURG and PREETORIUS.

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Messrs. LEE, RYAN and EISEMAN.

ADMINISTRATION.

Messrs. MEYSENBURG, WAINWRIGHT and LEE.

AUDITING.

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F. W. LEHMANN, President.

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LIBRARY STAFF.

MAY, 1901.

Librarian	FREDERICK	М.	CRUNDEN.

Assistant Librarian JOSEPH F. LANGTON.

JONATHAN W. GEORGE	Reference Librarian.
SULA WAGNER	Chief Cataloguer.
MRS. L. SPECK	General Assistant.
PIERCE B. BARNARD	Shelf Curator.
MRS. M. MYERS	Superintendent Reading Room.
JULIA KRUG	Superintendent Juvenile Department.
ELSE MILLER	Superintendent of Delivery Stations.
KATHARINE T. MOODY	Assistant Cataloguer.
HELEN TUTT	Assistant Cataloguer.
CELESTE SPECK	Cataloguing Department.
SYLVIA M. ALLEN	Receiving Clerk.
EDMUND J. McMAHON	Shelf Department.
JOHN L. PARKER	Issue Clerk.
JOSEPH BRANNIGAN	Registration Clerk.
W. B. A. TAYLOR	Delivery Station Department.
CLARA R. DEAN	Cataloguing Department.
LULA M. WESCOAT	Accountant and Record Clerk.
BERTHA ROMBAUER	Issue Department.
JAMES HACKETT	Junior Clerk.

APPRENTICES.

ADELAIDE HOWE. FLORENCE PATTON.
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BEN KENNER. WALTER ROEPKE. GRANVILLE HOLLAND. FRED KROENUNG. ALEX. GRODZENSKY. EDWIN HEISSE.

BARTLEY KNAPP.

BINDER.

JOSIE SHEEHAN.

JANITORS.

R. KEDGE Janitor.	JOSEPH WHEATLEYAssistant.
JAMES HALLAssistant.	HARRY McCAMEYAssistant.
NORRIS HUNTER	Assistant,

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GEO. O. CARPENTER	
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JOHN F. LEE	
F. W. LEHMANN	
WM. MAFFITT	1904
I. W. MORTON	1903
EDWARD L. PREETORIUS	1902
O'NEILL RYAN	1902
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OF THE

ST. LOUIS PUBLIC (FREE) LIBRARY.

St. Louis, Mo., March 13th, 1902.

Hon. Rolla Wells, Mayor, St. Louis, Mo .:

DEAR SIR—I submit herewith the report of the Librarian of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library for the year ending April 1st, 1901.

This report shows the financial condition and work done by the Library during the period.

There is from year to year an increasing use made of the Library by the people of our city, but to its highest efficiency a central building and branch buildings in different portions of the city are essential.

The members of the Board are striving to secure these buildings without material expense to the municipality. Mr. Andrew Carnegie has generously offered to donate one million of dollars for buildings, and citizens of St. Louis have volunteered liberal aid for the purpose of securing the ground belonging to the city, and known as Missouri Park, as a site for the central building.

An ordinance with this in view is now pending before the Municipal Assembly, and if this is passed, the Board believes that when it makes its next report it can announce as an assured fact a great library building in the city of St. Louis in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. LEHMANN,

President of the Board of Directors of the Public (Free) Library.



REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

To the Honorable Board of Directors of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library:

I have the honor to present herewith my annual report for the year ending April 30, 1901.

During this year the number of books issued for home reading increased from 707,823 to 740,179, and the total issue from *976,675 to 998,597. More than 14,000 volumes were added to the collection, of which an unusually large number—2,967—were gifts. At the end of the year the Library contained about 144,000 volumes. This progress was made despite appropriations that were necessarily inadequate—owing to large payments on the building site. Not only was the book fund insufficient this year, but it was even smaller the two preceding years. Books are the life of a library. Dearth of new books necessarily lessens its popularity and usefulness.

FINANCES.

The following exhibit gives in detail the receipts and expenditures for the year ending April 8, 1901. This is not exactly the end of the library year; but our financial statement must extend only to this date, in order to agree with the City Hall books, which are closed on the second Monday of April.

RECEIPTS.

The income from the city tax of one-fifth of a mill was \$75,727.18, an increase of \$1,945.71 over the previous year.

The receipts from fines were \$2,680.32, an increase of \$173.81; from books issued from the Collection of Duplicates, \$1,799.90, a gain of \$556.25; and from lost cards, \$259.10, an increase of \$43.50.

The rental from the Library property was \$525.96 more than last year.

EXPENDITURES.

The total expenditure for maintenance, including cost of books and furniture, was \$53,687.33, or \$7,897.85 more than the previous year. Nearly all of this was added to the book fund.

Salaries amounted to \$25,016.28, an increase of \$331.01; books, binding, and periodicals, \$14,930.03, an increase of \$6,129.18. This total includes \$9,913.96 for books, \$3,985.25 for binding, and \$1,120.82 for periodicals.

Payments amounting to \$35,366.34 were made on the Olive Street property.

The furniture and repair account includes newspaper cases in the Reading Room, book-cases in the seventh floor hall and the Reference Room, two card cabinets, iron castings for stacks in the Reference Room, chairs for the Reading Room, ten desks for the delivery stations, and numerous repairs needed about the place. Several hundred dollars for insurance, paid too late to be included in this report, will be accounted for next year.

Last year it was decided to change the time for ordering stationery from January to July, when printers are less busy. A six months' order

^{*}Most of these were added at the close of the year, too late to affect the circulation materially.

was given in January, 1900, to tide over until the middle of the year—when the full year's order was given. The bills for this short order did not come in until after the accounts for the year had been closed, and are, consequently, included with this year's stationery. The expenditure under this head, therefore, covers a year and a half.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 8, 1901.

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To bal. in City Treas., April 9, 1900, Collections, April 9, 1900—April 8, 1901	\$ 3,306 40 75,727 18	ATO 000 FO
Bal. in Bank Fund, April 5, 1900	1,851 60 2,680 32 182 49 65 60	\$79,033 58 9,115 90 105 91
Lost cards Postals Miscellaneous Memberships	259 10 34 00 13 70 9 00	
Rent		5,095 81 13,501 46 98 23 300 00
Cr.		107,250 89
By salaries	9,544 08 369 88 3,895 25 823 81	25,016 28
" Collection of Duplicates Building Site (Interest and Principal notes, etc.) Rent Insurance Furniture and Repairs	297 01 35,366 34 7,500 00 291 25 1,726 66	14,930 03
Expense. Printing and Stationery	1,487 16	44,884 25
Delivery Stations	2,030 05 202 63 369 64 128 78 4 85	4,223 11
Total expenditures Bal. in City Treasury, April 8, 1901 Bal. in Bank Fund Bal. in Contingent Fund, April, 1901		89,053 67 8,114 57 9,988 12 94 53
		\$107,250 89

The following tables show the receipts and expenditures from the time the Free Library Board assumed control and support of the institution to the close of the past year. The transfer was made in March, 1894, two months before the close of the fiscal year; hence the small amount recorded for desk receipts and expenditures, which cover only the months of March and April of that year.

It will be observed that the smallest expenditure of these seven years was for the year ending with April, 1900—the year before the one covered by this report. Notwithstanding, the circulation showed a gain of nearly 17,000. The small appropriation was necessitated by the draft on income for payments on the building site. This year's statistics of registration and circulation were inevitably affected adversely by the meagerness of the previous years.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES, MARCH, 1894, TO APRIL, 1901.

RECEIPTS.

City Collections.	Desk Receipts.	Rent.	Insurance.	Miscella- neous.	Total.
1894 \$ 49,773 52 1895 59,035 80 1896 61,929 51 1897 64,663 32 1898 67,638 45 1899 71,340 13 1900 73,781 47 1901 75,727 18	2,593 26 3,649 98 3,741 31 3,839 86 3,901 72 4,392 48	1,480 00 12,328 55 12,945 50		\$ 3 41 87 96 187 72 424 81 476 24 51 98	66,150 24 70,471 91 73,383 12 127,789 36

Total.....\$523,889 38 \$ 27,328 08 \$ 42,617 86 \$ 39,742 72 \$1,630 35 \$635,208 39

EXPENDITURES.

Maintenance.	Real Estate.	Total.
1894 \$ 2,876 19 1895 43,305 69 1896 52,318 45 1897 48,738 69 1898 58,051 90 1899 55,811 21 1900 45,789 48 1901 53,687 33	\$ 40,900 00 24,872 58 29,972 00 88,347 95 36,973 36	43,305 69
Total\$360,578 95 Balance in City Treas Balance in Bank Fun	\$256,433 23 1ry, April 8, 1901	\$617,011 17 8,114 57 9,988 12 94 58

REGISTRATION.

A separate count has been made of the registration in each ward. The wards are given, not in numerical order, but according to number of registrations. This is the second year in which the registration has been kept by

wards. When three years shall have been thus recorded, we shall have the total registration by wards.

Registration to April 30, 1900	11 000	52,708
Registered May 1, 1900, to April 30, 1901 Re-registered May 1, 1900, to April 30, 1901	7,524	19,462
Total registrationCards expired and not renewed		72,170 20,977
Total cards in force		51,193
as follows: Men Women Children Institutions		12,934 15,267 22,891 101
Total		51,193
Cards cancelled Guarantor withdrawn	23 116	0.190
Held for fines, not called for, etc.	2,000	2,139
Total cards in use		49,054

REGISTRATION BY WARDS FOR YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1901.

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Ward 4	$290 \cdot \mid$	Ward 27	644
18	318	19	668
14	322	16	683
7	373	13	684
15	389	11	693
1	392	9	730
· K	392	3	768
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12	399	22	839
23	469	20	854
8	495	101	.009
-6	544	24	.262
2	570	26	,262
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21	577	28 1	394
17	587	251	.451
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ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY.

The additions for the year number 14,011, of which 10,485 were purchases, and 2,967 were donations. The gifts were unusual in number, and of more than ordinary value and usefulness. The additions included 591 volumes in the German language, 188 volumes in French, and 128 in other languages,—Polish, Spanish and Italian.

ADDITIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1901.

Classes.		Coll. of Duplicates.	Totals.
Philosophy	86		86
Religion Social Science	208 1,610	1	209 1,610
Natural ScienceArt and Poetry	1,596 534	8	1,596 542
Fiction	3,066	887	3,953
Juvenile LiteratureLiterary Miscellany	4,243 389	5	4, 247 394
Travels and History Cyclopædias and Periodicals	940	5	945 429
-	13.101	910	14.011

Source.	4		
Purchase	9,575	910	10,485
Gift	2,967		2,967
Pamphlets, bound	21		21
Periodicals, bound	538		538
-			
	13,101	910	14,011
Language.			
English	12,194	910	13,104
French	188		188
German	591		591
Other	128	,	128
-			
	13,101	910	14,011
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Periodicals to complete sets, 354.

BOOKS WORN OUT, LOST AND PAID FOR, ETC.

Worn out and condemned Lost and paid for Charged to card-holders Exchanged, sold and damaged		4,219 163 140
Exchanged, sold and damaged		
Total		4,528
Total additions	14,011	

Less above 4,528

Net increase 9,483

Of 4,219 volumes worn out and withdrawn from circulation, 1,380 were replaced by new copies, as were also 58 volumes out of 163 lost and paid for. There were also one entered United States document returned to the Public Document Bureau, and one exchanged; 4 volumes damaged and retained by the borrower, after paying for a new copy; and 3 volumes lost and replaced. The extraordinary number of books withdrawn and condemned finds explanation in the small book fund of the two preceding years, which compelled the retention on the shelves of books that were unfit for circulation. The sure prospect of an increased fund led to a thorough overhauling of the shelves.

IMPORTANT ADDITIONS.

Among the more noteworthy purchases were the following:

AMICIS, E. de. Spain and the Spaniards. Q.

ARMSTRONG, W. Gainsborough. F.

BATEMAN, N. Hist. encyclopædia of Illinois. Q.

BIBLE. The Hexateuch; ed. by J. E. Carpenter and G. H. Battersby. 2v. Q.

BLISS, W. D. P. Encyclopædia of social reform. Q.

Brehm, A. E. From north pole to equator. Q.

COLUMBIAN cyclopædia. 40v. D.

D'Anvers, N., ps. Representative painters of the 19th century. Q.

DAY, L. F. Windows, a book about stained and painted glass. O.

DE Roo, P. History of America before Columbus. 2v. O.

DRAKE, F. S. Indian tribes of the U. S. 2v. F.

Foley, J. P. Jeffersonian cyclopædia. Q.

Franco-German war; ed. by J. F. Maurice. Q.

FULLER, G. W. Report on the purification of the Ohio River. F.

GARDINER, S. R. History of the Commonwealth. v. 3. O.

GARNETT, R., and others. Universal anthology. v. 1-24. Q.

Guillaumot fils. Costumes of the French revolution. F.

HITTELL, J. S. History of the mental growth of mankind. 4v. O.

HUEFFER, F. M. Ford Madox Brown. O.

JOHNSON, R. History of the World's Columbian Exposition. 4v. Q.

KAYSER, C. G. Vollstandiges Buecher-Lexikon. 1895-98. L-Z and Sachregister. Q.

KING, C. W. Handbook of engraved gems. Q.

KOEHLER, S. R., and others. American etchings. F.

LIENARD, E. Specimens of the decoration of the 19th century. F.

LITTLE, C. E. Cyclopædia of classified dates. Q.

McIlvaine, C. Toadstools, mushrooms, fungi. Q,

MACKAIL, J. W. Life of William Morris. 2v. O.

MASPERO, G. Passing of the empires. Q.

MELVILLE, L. Life of Thackeray. 2v. O.

MILLAIS, J. G. Life and letters. 2v. Q.

Morris, H. Human anatomy. Q.

MUTHER, R. History of modern painting. Q.

NASH, J. Mansions of England. F.

PRIOR, E. S. History of Gothic art in England. Q.

REVUE encyclopedique. 1899-1900. 2v. F.

Simcox, E. J. Primitive civilizations. 2v. O.

SWINBURNE, H. Courts of Europe. 2v. O.

Universal cyclopædia. 12v. Q.

Unwin, W. C. Testing of materials of construction. O.

VIEL-CASTEL, H. de. Costumes of the French revolution. F.

Westcott, T. Centennial portfolio. D.

EXCHANGES AND DONATIONS.

The year 1899 showed the highest total of exchanges and donations: 2,492 volumes, and 8,490 pamphlets. This year is not far behind, with 2,435 volumes and 6,852 pamphlets. These came from 1,073 sources. A list of the individual donors is given in an appendix. These were all promptly acknowledged and reported to the Book Committee from month to month. They involved the writing of 407 letters and 1,211 postals to addresses in the United States, and 22 letters and 60 postals to foreign countries. The general character of the books and pamphlets received is indicated by the following rough classification:

EXCHANGES AND DONATIONS, MAY, 1900—APRIL, 1901.

	То	tal.
	Vols.	Pph. 413
Educational	36	413
Libraries	69	626
State and City.	412	1.211
U. S	395	1,103
Miscellaneous	1.380	3,273
Foreign	43	326
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Total	2.435	6,952

The last few years we have received more gifts of books from citizens than ever before. Some have been old books and magazines difficult to obtain by purchase, and valuable for reference; others have been recent books in first-class condition, which went immediately into active circulation, and thus saved the library a direct outlay. There are surely many thousand volumes of both classes lying unused on the book-shelves or in the attics of our citizens, which would be of service to the community if placed in the Public Library.

NOTEWORTHY GIFTS.

A majority of the more valuable donations received were from our own citizens—as will be seen from the subjoined list, which includes the more noteworthy. It will not be taken as an invidious distinction if I call attention to the trouble and expense incurred by Mr. Chas. R. Gregory in sending valuable pictures and boxes of books from Paris. Mr. Ramsay's gift, also, may properly receive special mention, because it included a number of very costly and valuable works on architecture.

·	Vols.	Pph.
Atkinson, Robt., St. Louis	118	342
Baker, C. F., St. Louis	118	342
Baumgarten, Dr. Gustav, St. Louis	133	84
Bernays, Miss Thekla, St. Louis	89	38
Branch, Chas., St. Louis	27	
Bruckman, S. E., St. Louis	75	17
Carpenter, Mrs. Geo. O., St. Louis	16	
Christian Science Students' Association, Mrs. Ida P.		
McKeighan, Teacher, St. Louis	12	4
Clendenin, Mrs. Isabella, St. Louis	124	
Cockrell, Senator F. M.	23.	1
Dresser, H. W., Boston	10	
Foote, A. H., St. Louis	41	90
Gould Directory Co., St. Louis.	30	
Gregory, Chas. R., St. Louis	59	28
" " Seven framed engravings.		
" Seventeen large unmounted photograph	ns.	
Indiana. State Library.	21	43
Jaminet, Mrs. A., St. Louis	49	10
London, J. M., St. Louis	12	
Missouri. Secretary of State	$\tilde{74}$	9
New York. State Library	103	33
New York. State Library Pearce, Hon. Chas. E., St. Louis	62	1
Pennsylvania. State Library	54	_
Ramsay, Charles K., St. Louis	110	230
Richards, Dr. Heber, St. Louis	12	364
Silver, Burdette & Co., Boston	43	
Society of the Army of the Cumberland	29	
Thayer, Hon. A. M., St. Louis	$\frac{23}{22}$	
Ulrici, Emil, St. Louis	77	12
U. S. Superintendent of Documents	312	$\frac{12}{375}$
C. C. Superintendent of Documents	012	319

CONTENTS OF THE LIBRARY.

The inventory of 1899 showed a total of about 132,000 volumes. I repeat the details here, because my report for 1900—like all the city reports for that year and also for 1899 and 1898—has not been published. The following tables show the number of volumes in each class, and also in each department and room at the time of the inventory, July, 1899, and the total contents of the collection on April 30, 1901:

CLASSIFIED CONTENTS OF THE LIBRARY ACCORDING TO INVENTORY OF JULY, 1, 1899.

Classes. Philosophy Religion Social Science Natural Science Art and Poetry. Fiction Juvenile Literature Literary Miscellany Travels and History. Cyclopædias and Periodicals	Ref. 183 2,145 13,457 9,220 1,384 312 342 1,937 2,845 9,003	Reg. Library. 1.207 2,987 4.856 7,319 5,986 23,301 19,754 5,195 12,721 1,492	Coll. of Duplicates. 1	Totals. 1,390 5,132 18,314 16,539 7,373 23,983 20,096 7,137 15,571 10,496
Total	40,828	84,818	385	126,031
Unentered duplicates and books not ye Total contents, July 1, 1899, (about	et catalog	uea, (abol		6,000 132,000
CONTENTS OF	EACH RO	OOM.		
Circulation Dept. Main Library. Coll. of Duplicates. Froebel Collection			84,495 385 323	
Ref. books in Issue Dept	٠.		85,203 2,536	87,738
Reference Dept. Public Document Room	Office re	ports)	13,870	11,431 6,766 703 2,000 298 41
McAnally Collection		} _	3,184	17,054
Unentered duplicates, etc., (about)			,	126,031 6,000
Total contents of collection July 1, 1899 Added, July, 1899–April, 1900 Withdrawn)		5,200 2,089	132,031 3,111
Additions to April 30, 1901 Less losses. (See table p. 11)			14,011 4,528	
Net additions			9,483	9,483
Total contents April 30, 1901				144,625

BINDING.

During the year an unusual number of volumes received a first binding. The total was 1,137, at a cost of \$904.76—an average of 77.6 cents per volume. These consisted of newspapers, periodicals, pamphlets and books received in paper covers. There were also 8,404 volumes rebound, at a cost of \$3,361.80, or 40 cents a volume, and 597 volumes were repaired, by contract, at a cost of \$124.90, or 21 cents a volume. Besides these, 9,455 volumes were repaired at

the library. These cost, for labor and material, \$408.55—an average of $4^{\rm 1}/_{\rm 5}$ cents.

CIRCULATION.

The street car strike, which lasted through May and June, lessened the circulation by many thousands of volumes. In addition to this there is sufficient explanation for not going some thousands beyond the million mark in the inadequate supply of new books.

But notwithstanding these two causes, which inevitably diminished the circulation, the issue of books for home reading shows an increase of 32,356, and the issue of books for reference and reading in the library, a gain of 3,640. The total home issue of 740,179 volumes was made up as follows: From the main issue desk, 189,306; from the open shelves, 140,233; from the Juvenile Department (including supplementary reading), 156,544; and from the delivery stations (including depositories), 254,096. There was a falling off of 14,074 in the issue of periodicals in the reading-room; and there was a decrease of 32,031 volumes in the books drawn directly from the library; but the increase of the circulation through the delivery stations more than made up for this. It is clear that but for our delivery stations and other outside agencies for distribution, the strike would have caused a decided decline in the circulation.

From the foregoing figures it will be seen that of the total home issue more than one-third (34.3%) of the books were drawn through the delivery stations and depositories; and that of the issue on adult cards at the library 42½% consisted of books drawn from the open shelves. For this department, instead of a sort of enlarged alcove, we need a special room with at least ten times the space now available. With such a room adequately supplied with the best books in each line, forming a select library of 15,000 to 25,000 volumes, it is fair to assume that the present percentage would increase to more than 50%. Besides serving the convenience of the public, it guides many readers to better books than they would otherwise read. It introduces many to good books which they never heard of before, and which they would not be likely to choose from a catalogue. The following tables furnish full details regarding the issue in all departments.

ISSUE BY MONTHS.

		номы	ISSUE.		į.		
	Main Library.	Delivery Stations.	*Schools and Depositories.	Total.	Library	Periodicals	Total.
May	29272	30042		59314	4785	14090	78189
June	28443	16473		44916	3660	12138	60714
July	29509	14444		43953	3140	10684	57777
August	28947	13986		42933	3123	10527	56583
September	28362	12775	8857	49994	3618	13245	66857
October	32916	14520	11075	58511	4768	15194	78473
November	35684	15865	12367	63916	6442	15092	85450
December	36845	15837	11210	63892	6808	17294	87994
January	41101	17710	15737	74548	9492	20975	105015
February	39616	17700	19539	76855	8692	20280	105827
March	41713	20458	12773	74944	8280	20246	103470
April	37279	20974	28150	86403	7798	18047	112248
Total	409687	210784	119708	740179	70606	187812	998597
1900	441718	199151	66954	707823	66966	201886	976675
Gain		11633	52754	32356	3640		21922
Loss	32031					14074	

^{*}Under this heading are included the sets of supplementary reading and the collections kept in the outlying schools as well as the issue from Sunday schools and other depositories.

CLASSIFIED CIRCULATION.

	Home 1ssue.	Per Cent.	Library Issue.	Per Cent.	Total Issue of Books.	Per Cent.
Philosophy Religion Social Science Natural Science Art Poetry Fiction Juvenile Literary Miscellany Travels History Biography Cyclopaedias and Magazines Total	3352	.45	805	1.14	4157	.51
	4083	.55	2294	3.25	6377	.79
	8460	1.14	9270	13.13	17730	2.19
	15698	2.12	8151	11.54	23849	2.94
	5827	.79	5779	8.17	11606	1.43
	10182	1.38	2846	4.03	13028	1.61
	414816	56.03	6930	9.82	421746	52.01
	221830	29.97	810	1.15	222640	27.44
	13244	1.78	4660	6.60	17904	2.21
	9706	1.31	2791	3.95	12497	1.54
	13786	1.86	5927	8.39	19713	2.43
	9308	1.26	5090	7.06	14398	1.78
	9887	1.34	15253	21.60	25140	3.10

SUMMARIES.

Home issue, regular library	681,839	900–1901. 704,363 35,816
Library issue	707,823 66,966	740,179 70,606
Total issue of books		810,785 187,812
Total issue in all departments Gain in 1900–1901 over 1899–1900	976,675	998,597 21,922
Largest week-day issue, Wednesday, December 5, 1900.	Smallest week-day issue, O 1900.	ctober 2,
Main desk 674	Main desk	
Open shelves 498	Open shelves	281
Juvenile	Juvenile	140
Delivery stations	Delivery stations	489
	,	
Total home issue 4,686	Total home issue	1,266
Library issue 260	Library issue	150
Reading-room issue 575	Reading-room issue	445
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Total issue in all depart-	Total issue in all depa	rt-
ments 5,521	ments	1,861
Largest Sunday issue, February 24, 1901.	Smallest Sunday issue, Au 1900.	igust 19,
Library issue 51	Library issue	10
Reading-room issue 759	Reading-room issue	
	8	
Total810	Total	129
Total Sunday issue.	Average Sunday issue.	
Library issue 2,053	Library issue	39
Reading room issue12,689	Reading-room issue	244
Total14,742	Total	283

Average daily issue.		Average week-day issue.	
Home issue	2,322	Home issue	2,322
Home issue Library issue Reading-room issue	193	Library issue	219
Reading-room issue	514	Reading-room issue	577
		-	
Total	3,029	Total	3,118

HOLIDAY ISSUE, 1900-1901.

lome		Reading	_
ssue.	Library.	Room.	Total.
,203	96	512	4,811
175	26	130	331
,537	150	408	3,095
441	54	425	920
24	43	320	387
360	81	384	825
,862	219	889	2,970
,602	669	3,068	13,339
,372	95	438	1,905
	ssue. ,203 175 ,537 441 24 360 ,862	ssue. Library. ,203 96 175 26 ,537 150 441 54 24 43 360 81 ,862 219 ,602 669	ssue. Library. Room. ,203 96 512 175 26 130 ,537 150 408 441 54 425 24 43 320 360 81 384 ,862 219 889 ,602 669 3,068

COLLECTION OF DUPLICATE ISSUE BY YEARS SINCE THE LIBRARY WAS MADE FREE.

	'94–'95	'95–'96	'96–'97	'97–'98	'98–'99	'99–'00	'00–'01
MayJune	612 542	1394 1222	990 978	1258 1160	1096 625	1401 1324	2431 2290
JulyAugust	643	1192 1225	900 930	1034 985	1029 1102	1320 1574	2199 2305
September October	666 771	1016 1130	878 995	972 • 1367	917 1307	1930	2200 2974
November	₹987	1302 1257 1469	1046 1181 1389	1643 1894 1858	1281 1423 1507	2230 2577 3082	3621 3536 3678
February March	1482 1780	1489 1378	1413 1380	1670 1680	1491 1591	2536 3548	3480 3773
April	11986	1085	1396	1394	15815	2755 25984	3329
Average	990	1266	1123	1409	1269	- 2165	2818

The remarkable gain in the last two years is due to the open-shelf space and the extraordinary vogue of a number of new novels. The climax was reached in "The Crisis," 153 copies of which are still (December) in constant circulation.

TOTAL CIRCULATION BY YEARS SINCE THE LIBRARY WAS MADE FREE.

	'94-'95	'95–'96	'96–'97	'97-'98	'98-'99	'99–'00	'00-'01
Home	331426	472718	551059	647171	698339	707823	740179
	40628	'46082	51240	69070	65732	66966	70606
	165359	170142	184729	204259	195783	201886	187812
	537413	688942	788028	920500	959854	976675	998597

It requires little thought to understand that accounts with over 50,000 borrowers cannot be kept straight without some time and trouble. Few, however, would realize the time and care required. Some idea of the labor involved may be gained from the following figures, accompanied by the explanation that every notice sent involves the looking up of name and address of the intended recipient. During the year 13,063 notices were sent for overdue books, of which 10,101 were first notices, and 2,962 second notices; 18 notices were sent to persons taking home books that were drawn for library use. There were also 128 miscellaneous notices, 408 notices of additions to the library, 286 to houses having contagious diseases,* and 1,753 for books reserved. 25,790 book cards were written to replace those filled. A messenger was sent for 474 books, 370 of which were returned by cardholder, 58 recovered by messenger, while 46 still remained charged at the close of the year.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

During the year there has been a large increase in the attendance, with an increase of 29% in the number of books used. The total number of books consulted was 49,738, an increase of 11,241 over the number used in the previous year.

COMPARATIVE TABLE OF BOOKS CONSULTED FOR LAST TWO YEARS.

REFERENCE ROOM ISSUE.

,	1899–1900.	1900-1901.
May	2,214	3,163
June	1,680	1,956
July	2,049	2,089
August	2,303	1,810
September	2,488	2,012
October	2,998	3,022
November	3,952	4,100
December	4,095	4,686
January	4,608	7,224
February	3,979	6,961
March	4,364	6,573
April	3,767	6,142
Total	38,497	49,738
Total, 1900–1901	49,73	38
Total, 1899–1900		
Gain	11,2	41

In October Mr. Jonathan W. George was appointed to take charge of the department, succeeding Miss Rosa M. Leeper, who had accepted the librarianship of the Carnegie Library of Dallas, Texas. During the winter and spring the room has been open to students and visitors for twelve hours daily, the number of visitors in the evening ranging from one to twenty. A number of changes have been made in the room, which add greatly to the comfort of visitors and to the utility of the room as a special department. The stacks have been shortened to allow for one-third more table

^{*}The Library is in daily communication with the Health Department, and all persons living in houses containing a case of infectious disease are notified both by the Library and the Health Officers not to return the books till they have been fumigated.

room. The shelf capacity has been increased to accommodate 10,000 volumes, by narrowing the old stacks and aisles and placing new ones in the vacant space, with eight double shelves to the stack instead of seven, as formerly. Two wall stacks twelve feet high, one at each end of the room, have been added, as well as a special case to accommodate a collection of handy books for ready reference on popular subjects. A new cabinet for the pamphlet catalogue has been placed in the room, and a subject index to pamphlets is being prepared. New cases for shelving bound newspapers, and six large stacks for shelving unused and unentered duplicates, have been built in the reading room.

A number of students from other cities and towns have availed themselves of the resources of the department. A collection of books and pamphlets has been brought together dealing with expositions and world's fairs; and efforts are being made to secure as complete a collection as possible of books relating to the Mississippi Valley, The Northwest, and The Louisiana Purchase. Many new volumes have been added to the shelves of the Art Room, as well as to the Reference Room; and a considerable list of works on art has been ordered. The Perry pictures and other reproductions of famous pictures placed in the Art Room by the Art League are fulfilling the mission for which they were secured, but deserve more general use by teachers in connection with geography, science and history teaching.

DELIVERY STATIONS.

In January, 1901, Mr. Woods, theretofore the head of this department, resigned to accept the librarianship of the East St. Louis Public Library; and Miss Miller was placed in charge. Mr. Taylor remains as assistant, with two special duties assigned to him. His work in the morning is to substitute books for those called for and reported "not in." All call slips on which no book can be found by the pages are turned over to him. He makes a second search, which checks possible oversight on the part of the pages, and not infrequently results in finding a book which has come in since the first search was made. If, however, all the books are still "out," he substitutes one he thinks likely to please. This office of substituting another book instead of one called for, requires judgment and knowledge of books—judgment to determine what sort of book will meet the taste of the applicant (known only by his call list), and literary knowledge to decide what particular books will be likely to please the inferred taste of said person. Every book so substituted has inserted in it a little slip with the following message:

"Public Library.—The books called for on your list are 'OUT.' We venture to send this, which we trust will prove better than none at all. If not satisfactory please return with a new and larger list.

"Please note on your CALL SLIP if you do not wish us to do this."

The public appreciates the benefits of this plan; and thanks and favorable comments are daily received. The wishes of those (a very few) who request that substitutions be not made are, of-course, respected.

Most of Mr. Taylor's afternoons are devoted to visiting the stations. These regular visitations serve to straighten out any misunderstandings that may have arisen, to explain methods to new clerks, and to keep up the interest of the station keepers.

Several stations have been changed, and three new ones added. Ten new desks were sent to stations hitherto unsupplied. These are a great convenience to the station keepers.

Beginning with the second week in January, readers' cards were sent out the same day that the applications from stations were received. If a list accompanies an application, a book is sent out with the reader's card. This plan is decidedly more satisfactory to the library, to the delivery station keepers and to the public.

The printed lists, especially the juvenile lists, have been a very great help. The supply was greater than ever before; and this appreciative reception points to the desirability of printing lists in greater number and variety hereafter.

The transportation service of the St. Louis Delivery Company and of the several expressmen who carry books to outlying stations, has been entirely satisfactory.

The following Sunday schools and settlements have served as depositories. In each a collection of books is placed, and kept until a change is called for.

	Nun	Number			
Place.	of Bo	oks.	Place. of B	ooks.	
Art Metal Co		194	High School	646	
Bowman M. E. S. S.		75	Lafayette Park S. S		
Church of the Redeemer	S. S	30	Lindell Avenue M. E. S. S.	109	
Cook Ave. M. E. S. S		65	Olivet S. S.	38	
Delmar Ave. M. E. S. S		.102	Polish Settlement	64	
Ethical Society		65	Social Settlement	429	
Fountain Park S. S		74	Union M. E. S. S.	160	

JUVENILE DEPARTMENT.

In the issue from the Juvenile Department the advantage of distributing agencies is shown to a degree even more marked than in the adult circulation. Out of a total home issue of 156,544 from this department, 80,148 volumes were drawn by card-holders personally, while 76,396—nearly one-half—were sent out as supplementary reading.

SUPPLEMENTARY READING.

Under this heading we include boxes of books sent to the schools. Each box contains thirty copies of the same book, for lower grades, and twenty-five copies for upper grades. It is better to send thirty copies of the same book, rather than thirty different books, for several reasons: 1st, because it enables the teachers to use the books for class exercises; 2nd, because the reading of the same book at the same time by all the class intensifies the enjoyment of each child. It also gives the pupils a common (and an elevated) topic of conversation to replace the vulgarities of boys and the inanities of girls. And this is a benefit of no little importance.

Owing to the difficulty in getting supplementary reading to schools in outlying districts, small general collections are sent out to these schools upon request. The collections usually contain enough books to supply each room with 50 volumes, and may be kept as long as needed. The plan, Miss Krug reports, has not worked altogether satisfactorily. Experience will doubtless bring improvement.

The supplementary reading in the public schools has proved a cumulative and an unqualified success wherever the teachers have taken an interest in it and realized its power of helpfulness in the regular school work. The results are such as might have been predicted a priori. Most of the work is still done in the first four grades. It was started there for obvious reasons: 1st, because a majority of children leave school before they reach the 7th grade, many before the 6th grade; 2d, because the best time to impart to children a love for good reading is before the age of ten; 3d, because the work of the lowest grades is chiefly the teaching of reading. And here we strike our a priori argument. The way to learn to swim is to go swimming often; the way to learn to ride a wheel or a horse is to ride every day; so, to learn to read understandingly in the shortest possible time, much reading must be done. To teach a child to ride a bicycle it is not necessary to keep on giving him lessons every day for months or years. Start him and give him a wheel, and he will attend to the rest. So it is with reading: help a child over the technical difficulties, give him interesting books, and he will learn to read; and, not only that, but he will gather stores of information and, what is more important still, his imagination will be nourished and his mental capacity and intellectual alertness will be expanded and stimulated. Sully says in his Psychology:

"The habitual narration of stories, description of places, and so on, is an essential ingredient in the rudimentary stages of education. The child that has been well drilled at home in following stories will, other things being equal, be the better learner at school. The early nurture of the imagination by means of good, wholesome food has much to do with determining the degree of imaginative power, and, through this, of the range of intellectual activity ultimately reached."

Dr. Harris says: "What there is good in our American system points to this preparation of the pupil for independent study of the book by himself. It points towards acquiring the ability of self-education by means of the library."

And, while on this subject, I can not forbear quoting, for the *nth* time, the following paragraph from one of President Eliot's published addresses:

"From the total training during childhood there should result in the child a taste for interesting and improving reading, which should direct and inspire its subsequent intellectual life. That schooling which results in this taste for good reading, however unsystematic or eccentric the schooling may have been, has achieved a main end of elementary education, and that schooling which does not result in implanting this permanent taste has failed. Guided and animated by this impulse to acquire knowledge and exercise his imagination through reading, the individual will continue to educate himself through life. Without that deep rooted impulsion he will soon cease to draw on the accumulated wisdom of the past and the new resources of the present; and, as he grows older, he will live in a mental atmosphere which is always growing thinner and emptier. . . . The uplifting of the democratic masses depends on this implanting at school of the taste for good reading."

But, since it is a universally accepted maxim that, as John Fiske puts it, "an ounce of Vinland is better than a pound of cosmography," the following testimony from St. Louis teachers who speak from experience is worth more than any amount of abstract reasoning. At the end of the last school year, I sent to the principals of some twenty schools—those which had made most use of the books furnished by the Library—a request for replies to the following questions:

- 1. What value do you attach to literature and supplementary reading in connection with the school curriculum?
- 2. What effect has the general reading done by the pupils of your school had on their progress in their studies?
 - 3. Do you find the books supplied by the library an aid to discipline? A few replies must serve to illustrate the general tenor of all.

I.

1. The cultivation of a taste for good literature should be, it seems to me, one of the chief aims of the school curriculum. The development of a higher morality and a truer culture and refinement—which, after all, is the final aim of education—can best, and perhaps only, be accomplished by the encouragement of a closer and closer acquaintance with our best literature. I attach to well-directed general reading as high a value as to any subject taught in the schools.

2. Its effect upon the progress of the children has been daily more apparent. It has given information which has been helpful in all of the studies, especially geography and history; and the language of the children has been

greatly improved.

3. I consider supplementary reading as good in itself, and, therefore, cannot regard with favor the conscious use of it as a means for maintaining discipline. Nevertheless, like any subject which thoroughly interests the children, it leads them into voluntary application, and so assists in cultivating that spirit which, in the end, eliminates the problem of discipline.

II.

1. The literature furnished by the public library has been of incalculable value. It has supplied us with the larger part of our material for oral reading. It has been the basis of most of our oral language work. It has been the inspiration and the basis for most of our composition work. The books taken into the homes from the school have been helpful to the entire community.

2. Much of our reading has been very helpful to the language work,

geography, and history.

3. It is a very great aid in discipline, both directly and indirectly. Indirectly, through effect upon character. Directly, by giving pupils something they love to do.

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1. Of immense value to all our pupils, but especially to the poor child

that can attend school but a very few years.

2 Assists their progress in their studies, awakens and deepens their interest in the subject, adds to thought and information, and changes dry studies into the exchange of ideas, the answering of aroused curiosity, and fixes facts more permanently in the memory.

3. The books supplied by the library are an aid to discipline. They change the current of pupils' thoughts, and put them in a better and happier

state of mind-more conducive to study and improvement.

īV.

1. The literature furnished by the library has put a life into the reading exercise that it didn't have before. It has made reading the principal study in the course.

2. It has been of great advantage to pupils, has made them enjoy the exercises, has increased their fluency, has brought them to know books, and to want to find out about others.

3. Yes, an aid to discipline, decidedly. Pupils are interested in the

exercise; consequently, they are attentive and orderly.

v.

1. Great value.

Broadens the pupil and gives him greater interest in his regular work.
 Anything that awakens a child's interest aids in disciplining him.

When the child becomes sufficiently awakened to realize his own interest, the necessity for discipline is largely removed. This supplementary reading has had that effect. I consider it a great aid.

VI.

I consider the literature in the supplementary readers of great value in obtaining fluency, a working command of good language, and cultivation of the imagination, not supplied by any subject in the course of study.

It is very helpful in discipline—lessening, indeed, the need for discipline.

VII.

Here is a brief extract from another letter:

There can be no doubt of the helpfulness of the public library reading sets in the school. It is the universal experience with us that pupils who do most and best supplementary reading succeed best in all of their work. Most of the difficulty experienced by the children in the study of arithmetic and geography, for instance, is due to their inability to read the subject matter correctly. This defect is largely removed by the aid of supplementary reading.

VIII.

I prize very highly the supplementary reading in connection with the school curriculum.

The general reading has caused their minds to grow and broaden and deepen, enabling them to comprehend more readily the ideas conveyed by the printed page.

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A principal of many years' experience writes:

One of the greatest blessings conferred on children is providing them with abundance of judiciously selected supplementary reading. The enlargement of the horizon around the child, the increasing of his vocabulary, the encouragement to go to the fountain-head and there drink more deeply at the great source of supply—the public library—all follow in natural order.

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I believe discipline grows easier from year to year. The abundant supply of reading matter to be taken up as soon as lessons are learned has con-

tributed largely to this result.

I asked some of my most competent assistants their opinion of the value of books from the library. The reply was: "Look at the faces of the pupils as they are using the books. See how absorbed they are in following the story. The book is new to them. All the charms of novelty gather around the subject."

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The head assistant in the Columbia School sums up by saying:

Supplementary reading, especially in the lower grades, is worth all the rest of the school work.

The St. Louis school in which most reading is done is the Columbia. It goes without saying that it is one of the best schools in the city. At my request, the principal, Mr. Charles L. Howard, furnished me with a general statement of his views on the educational value of literature, and the methods by which it is made the chief feature in his school. I should like to quote the whole of his report; but, not to exceed proper limits, I must content myself with a few extracts:

We make no parade of "literature work" or of supplementary reading. The latter term is a misnomer; it is misleading; what others term supplementary reading in my school is the whole thing. We have two forms of reading at the Columbia School. First, a form of class work, in which the material for use has come to be selected on a basis of interest, and what appears to be a natural appreciation of the Herbartian theory of the culture epochs. After

the second grade or year there is no teaching of reading lessons, in the ordinary use of that term. There is no preparation of reading lessons for recitation. Generally each class in a given grade reads the list of books given as available for its grade—sometimes less, oftener more. Sometimes a thirdor fourth-grade class reads Evangeline, Miles Standish, The Merchant of Venice, or Julius Cæsar, with exquisite satisfaction. I have seen a second-year class enthusiastic over the Pied Piper and Horatius at the Bridge. [Let me class enthusiastic over the *Pred Priper* and *Horatius at the Briage*. [Let me interject here that I have seen children not yet in the first grade enjoying these same poems.] Things are read as *wholes*. For no one ever reads Cassius' plea with Brutus, then runs off to find the whole play; but generally one who reads *The Merchant of Venice* first turns again and again to the court scene. These books have generally the characteristics of the classics; and so we know that from pure interest our pupils do a vast amount of valuable reading, from which they get facility in reading, a vast store of useful information broad views independent notions and an store of useful information, broad views, independent notions, and an acquaintance with the material which, molded in the master-mind, gives beauty, grace, vigor, and endurance to the best literature.

The second form of reading in the school relates to the use of miscellaneous books independent of the school work. In this connection reading

is encouraged, but no supervision of it is assumed.

About six hundred pupils in the school have tickets in the public library. They appear to be in constant use.

In 1898-99 we collected reports of "outside readings." In eight months seven hundred pupils reported something over ten thousand books read. They were mostly what I should call for myself "good books." The most pernicious books come into the hands of children through the suggestion of well-meaning people who are ignorant or thoughtless of their influence—such books as set up false ideals, inflame feeling, discolor fancy, and distort judgment; the kind of books that used to abound in Sunday-school libraries. The real value of this work can not be told. The influence is mainly realized in conduct and character.

Our friends are sometimes disturbed over the freedom in our work; but it is observed that the freedom allowed naturally secures a basis of interest which tends to make the reading thoughtful; that those who read most widely accomplish most in other forms of school work; that the effect upon conduct is most salutary, showing in no case a bad result from the reading habit; that the ordinary nature-study books do not appeal to children strongly enough to secure voluntary reading as wholes; that the "classics" tend to supplant everything sensational or weak; that natural children make as few errors in selecting for themselves as their elders make in selecting for them; that the "bad" books generally appear but once; that a book is on the whole good or bad as determined by the attitude of the mind toward it.

We see, then, that a consensus of the St. Louis teachers who have welcomed the aid of the library is that general reading is "helpful in all the studies;" that it possesses "as high a value as anything taught in the schools," while two teachers consider it "worth all the rest of the school work;" that it is "of immeasurable value to all pupils, but especially to the poor child;" that "pupils who do most and best supplementary reading succeed best in all their work;" that it is "a great aid to discipline directly and through effect on character;" that "it puts children in a better and happier frame of mind-more conductive to study;" that "its influence is mainly realized in conduct and character;" and finally that "the books taken into the homes have been helpful to the entire community." Could we ask for anything more? Promotes progress in all studies! Aids discipline! Improves conduct and forms character! And, lastly, reaches out into the homes and educates parents and older brothers and sisters.

"If I were king of the world," said Dr. Stanley Hall, "I should have an examination of teachers as to their ability to tell a good story. It is the one

hypnotic influence that tends for morals."

An interesting experiment in the teaching of literature was tried in the St. Louis High School the past season. Principle Bryan applied to the library for as many copies as it could supply of the most popular works of the leading American and English writers of the 19th century. The list consisted chiefly of pure literature, including the best novels of Scott, Hawthorne, Cooper, Bulwer, Kingsley, Dickens, Thackeray, and George Eliot; the essays of Lamb, DeQuincy, Irving and Carlyle; and poetry of Southey, Burns, Wordsworth, Moore, Tennyson, Poe, Holmes, and Whittier. A few historical works were also sent, including those of Parkmen, Morley, and Prescott, besides a few histories of Greece and Rome. In all, about 500 volumes, with as many as 10 copies of the more popular books, were sup-Mr. Buck, who had special charge of the work, made a most encouraging report of results before the Library Section of the National Educational Association at Detroit in July. Principal Bryan and Viceprincipal Schuyler pronounce the experiment a success, and are this year extending it, especially in the study of history,—calling on the library for as many copies of leading histories as can be furnished. Nothing can be more significant than the obvious growth of the pupils in mental grasp under the stimulus and the nourishment of this reading. Mr. Buck reports that in March they could comprehend and enjoy books which they vainly tried to read in November.

THE CARNEGIE GIFT.

Before this report is in print I trust the only obstacle to the receipt of Mr. Carnegie's munificent gift to the city will be removed by securing a suitable site for the central building.

THE STAFF.

Within the year two more of our assistants were called away to take the position of chief librarian in other cities. Their loss was regretted, but their places were readily filled by promotion and the appointment of new apprentices. In closing, it is with the greatest satisfaction and pleasure that I commend the efficiency, the earnestness, the courtesy and loyalty of the staff, whose able co-operation it is my good fortune to have.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK M. CRUNDEN,

Librarian.

STATE OF MISSOURI, CITY OF ST. LOUIS. SS.

Before me, the undersigned, a notary public within and for the city of St. Louis, Mo., appeared Edw. L. Preetorius, Chairman of the Auditing Committee of the St. Louis Public Library, who is personally known to me, who, being duly sworn, stated that the statement of receipts and expenditures of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library contained in the foregoing report of the Librarian for the year ending April 30, 1901, on account of City appropriation and other sources, is true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

EDW. L. PREETORIUS,

Chairman Auditing Committee,

Board of Directors St. Louis Public (Free) Library.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 29th day of May, Nineteen hundred and one.

(Seal.)

H. A. BERKEMEYER,
Notary Public.

My term expires June 10, 1902.

APPENDIX No. 1.

LIST OF THE MOST POPULAR BOOKS.

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^{* &}quot;Les Miserables" and "Monte Cristo" alternated in the first and second places in two recent years. The former at every previous count for twenty years has stood among the first three. This year, however, the extraordinary runs of four new books reduced it to the seve th place. Every year produces its passing favorite; but the popularity of this, the nst of novels, has endured and grown stea dily since its publication forty years ago.

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Hawthorne	Marble faun	424	Scott	Bride of Lammermoor	418
Holmes	Daisy Thornton	465		Talisman	437
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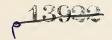
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St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 16th, 1903.

Hon. Rolla Wells, Mayor of St. Louis, Mo.:

DEAR SIR: Herewith find report of the Librarian of the Public Library, showing its operations and its finances for the year ending April 30th, 1902.

Very respectfully, F. W. LEHMANN, President of the Board of Directors.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

To the Honorable Board of Directors of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library:

I have the honor to submit my ninth annual report as Librarian of the Free Public Library, covering the year from May 1st, 1901, to April 30th, 1902, and including the close of my twenty-fifth year of service in this and the earlier institution out of which it grew. This year has been signalized by the fulfilment of the second condition of Mr. Carnegie's gift, as was the preceding year by his munificent offer and its immediate acceptance by an enthusiastic vote of the people. A full account of the negotiations that led to Mr. Carnegie's offer and the efforts made to fulfill its conditions is deferred to the close of the current year, by which time it is hoped the gift will begin to take shape in stone and brick.

While the securing of the Carnegie building fund is of such overwhelming importance as to dwarf every other event, the year shows a gratifying record in the general growth and progress of the Library. The additions to the collection were more numerous and more valuable than ever before, numbering 23,855 volumes, and including a number of costly works on the fine arts and other permanent additions to the reference department. The registration reached a total of nearly 55,000; and the total issue of books and periodicals went beyond the million mark.

The tax rate for the special library fund having been raised, by popular vote, from 1-5 to 2-5 of a mill, the revenue thus derived was, of course,

nearly doubled. The exact sum was \$149,321.24, as against \$75,727.18 of the previous year, a gain of \$73,594.06. The desk receipts amounted to \$5,852.79, an increase of \$757.98 over the previous year. The chief items in this source of revenue are fines, (amounting this year to \$3,018.14 and showing an increase of \$337.80 over the previous year), and receipts from the Collection of Duplicates, amounting to \$2,115.53, a gain of \$263.93. The total charges for replacing lost cards aggregated \$259.90, differing from the record of the previous year only by the addition of 80 cents. The gross receipts from rents amounted to \$11,649.13.

The total expenditure for maintenance, including the amount expended for books, periodicals and binding, was \$67,623.32, an increase of \$13,935.99. Nearly all of this additional outlay was devoted to the up-keep and increase of the collection, the expenditure for books, periodicals and binding being \$25,633.35, an excess of nearly \$11,000 over the previous year. Books alone cost \$19,697.17, binding \$4,827.51, and periodicals, \$1,108.67. The expenditure for furniture and repairs was unusually large, owing to the purchase of card cabinets, desks and boxes for delivery stations, a typewriter, chairs for reading room, repairing and reframing pictures, etc. During the year \$36,801.44 was paid on account of real estate investments (building site \$33,088.75, commissions and repairs \$2,486.25, taxes for street reconstruction, \$1,226.44), making a total outgo of \$104,424.76, and leaving a balance of \$80,800.37 in the treasury on April 7, 1902, the date when the accounts for the fiscal year were closed at the City Hall. A full statement of receipts and expenditures for the year and also a summary of receipts and expenditures for the eight years and two months since the transfer of the Library to its present governing body will be found in the following tables.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 7, 1902.

DR.	NDING	AFRIL 1, 1502	•
To balance in City Treasury, April 8, 1901	\$ 18,197 149,321	29 24 \$167,51 8 5	3
Collection of Duplicates— Books issued \$2,045 95 Magazines sold 69 60 Fines Books sold, lost and paid for. Catalogues Lost cards Postals Miscellaneous	\$ 2,115 3,018 343 46 259 50 18	12 94 00 90 60	9
Rent Collections Interest Refund, book account.		195 6	8
		\$185,225 13	3
By Salaries CR.		26,820 6	2
Books, Main Collection Books, Collection of Duplicates Binding Periodicals Periodicals, Collection of Duplicates		87 30 51 84	15
Building Site Rent Insurance Furniture and Repairs	\$ 36,801 7,500 857 2,135	00 95	2
Expense— Printing and Stationery Delivery Stations Postage Sundries Supplies Advertising	\$ 1,682 2,206 178 347 259 1	58 35 82 74	17
Total Expenditures Balance in City Treasury, April 7, 1902. Balance in Bank Fund, April 1, 1902. Balance in Contingent Fund, April, 1902.		66,221 0 14,441 9	0

\$ 185,225 13

Building Site—	
Principal and Interest Notes	\$ 33,088 75
Commissions and repairs \$2,486 25	
Taxes, street	3,712 64
	\$ 36,801 44

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES, MARCH, 1894, TO APRIL, 1902. RECEIPTS.

	City Collections		Desk Receipts.		Rent.	Insurance	Misc.	Total.
1894	\$ 49.773 59,035 61,929 64,663 67,638 71,340 73,781 75,727 149,321 \$673,210	80 51 32 45 13 47 18 24	2,593 2,3,649 93 3,741 33 3,839 86 3,901 73 4,392 44 5,095 83 5,852 75	6 8 1 6 2 8 1	\$ 482 79 1,879 56 1,480 00 12,328 55 12,945 50 13,501 46	\$39,742 72	87 96 187 72 424 81 476 24 51 98 398 23 204 75	66,150 24 70,471 91 73,383 12 127,789 36 91,171 43 94,722 68

EXPENDITURES.

	Mainte- nance.	Real Estate.	Total.
1894 1895 1896 1897 1897 1898 1899 1900 1901 1902 Total	\$ 2,876 19 43,305 69 52,318 45 48,738 69 58,051 90 55,811 21 45,789 48 53,687 33 67,623 32 \$428,202 26	\$ 40,900 00 24,872 58 29,972 00 88,347 95 36,973 36 35,366 34 36,801 44	\$ 2,876 19 43,305 69 93,218 45 73,611 27 88,023 90 144,159 16 82,762 84 89,053 67 104,424 76 \$ 721,435 93

Balance in City Treasury April 8, 1902\$	66,221.01
Balance in Bank Fund	14,441.90
Balance in Contingent Fund, April, 1902	137.46

\$802,236.30

REGISTRATION.

The total of registered cardholders increased during the year from 51,193 to 54,701. There were also 2,076 "extra" (non-fiction) cards and 186 "Teachers" cards issued; 18,761 cards that had been filled were replaced by new ones, and 1,274 cards were lost and paid for. The charge of ten cents for replacing lost cards fully pays for the stationery used and the time occupied in providing a new card. Guarantors to the number of 148 withdrew, and 9 were cancelled. Among the other miscellaneous work of this department was the changing of 3,598 addresses and the mailing of 113 notices. It has been deemed advisable, in the interest of economy, to have both sides of the reader's card ruled for charging, omit-

ting the rules formerly printed on the reverse side. The general registration and the registration by wards are given below.

Total cards in force, April 30, 1901	51,193 13,818	65,011
Cards expiring to April 30, 1902. Less re-registered	16,410 6,100	10,310
'Total cards in force April 30, 1902, as follows: Men Women Children Institutions		54,701
Total cards in force April 30, 1902	54,701	54,701

REGISTRATION BY WARDS, FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1902

Ward.	Ward.	Ward.
1 948	11	
2	12 13	
4	14	386 24
5	15 16	
7	17	762 27 825
8	18	
9806 101089	$\begin{array}{c} 19 \\ 20 \end{array}$	
		Total19,918

ORDER AND CATALOGUING DEPARTMENT.

This year is distinguished above all previous years by the addition of 23,855 volumes to the collection, more than twice the average of previous years. Of these 21,848 were purchases and 1,545 gifts. The purchases included 477 volumes of old periodicals to complete sets. The additions included 1743 volumes in the German language, 120 volumes in French, 44 volumes in Swedish and 39 volumes in other languages.

The purchasing of nearly 22,000 books and the cataloguing of nearly 24,000 occupied the time and absorbed the energies of the staff of the order and cataloguing department to the exclusion of other work that had theretofore been carried on. In previous years many lists were prepared, some printed and others typewritten and hung on the bulletin boards. This year no printing was done except lists of novels; and the typewritten lists were confined to recent additions and a bibliography of the Goethe literature in the library. It is hoped that in the coming year finding-lists of English and German fiction will be published, as well as a list of technological books and various special lists for the guidance of readers.

Practically no work was done on the subject index begun three years ago; and it was necessary to stop progress on the portrait collection, which had been worked on from time to time for over twelve years. Nevertheless, the copying of the shelf-list of novels from sheets to standard cards was completed, R to Z being copied during the year; and the shelf-list of juveniles was copied from A to F. The work of this department was carried on under the disadvantage of crowded quarters. That so much was done and so well done reflects special credit on the head of the department, and speaks for the intelligence, industry and zeal of her assistants.

Particulars regarding class, source and language of the year's accessions are given in the following tables.

ADDITIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1902.

CLASSES.	Reg. Library.	Coll. of Duplicates	Totals.
Philosophy Religion Social Science. Natural Science Art and Poetry Fiction. Juvenile Literature. Literary Miscellany. Travels and History. Cyclopaedias and Periodicals.	74 320 1151 1138 736 8894 7724 531 1309 593	2 6 1361 5 8 3	74 320 1153 1138 742 10255 7729 539 1312 593
SOURCE.		,	
Purchase	20463 1545 14 448 22470	1385	21848 1545 14 448 23855
LANGUAGE.			
English. French. German Other.	. 20524 120 1743 83	1385	21909 120 1743 83
·	22470	1385	23855

BOOKS WORN OUT, LOST AND PAID FOR, ETC.

Withdrawn Lost and paid for Miscellaneous (burned on account of contagious diseases) Charged to borrower.	8,731 183 38 95
Total	9,047
Net increase	

Of the 8,731 volumes worn out and withdrawn from circulation, 3,248 were replaced by new copies, as were also 43 volumes out of 183 lost and paid for.

IMPORTANT ADDITIONS.

Among the many noteworthy purchases, the following seem of most importance. They are nearly all reference books, and about two-fifths of them are works on the graphic arts.

FINE ARTS.

Architectural masterpieces of Belgium, Holland, etc. F.
Chandler, J. E. Colonial architecture. 1900. O.
Espouy, H.d'. Fragments d'architecture antique. F⁵.
Hall, J. Essay on Gothic architecture. 1813. F.
Kelly, E. H. Architectural acoustics. 1898. O.
Wheatley, R. Cathedrals and abbeys in Gt. Brit. and Ireland. 1890. F⁵.
Hartmann, S. Modern Amer. sculpture. F.

Loehr, A. R. v. Wiener Medailleure. 1899. F.
Schulz, A. Deutsche sculpturen der neuzeit. F⁵.
Baldry, A. L. Hubert von Herkomer. 1901. F.
Marillier, H. C. Dante Gabriel Rossetti. 1901. F.
Paris. Salon. 1900. F.
Rooses, M. Fifty masterpieces of Van Dyck. 1900. F.
Stevenson, R. A. M. Art of Velasquez. 1895. F.
Watt, J. C. Examples of Greek and Pompeiian work. 1897. F.
Beardsley, A. Later work. 1901. Q.
Dilke, Lady. French furniture and decoration of the 18th century. 1901. Q.
English household furniture. 1900. F.
Lockwood, L. V. Colonial furniture in Amer. 1901. Q.
Salwey, Mrs. C. M. (B.) Fans of Japan. 1894. F.

TRAVEL, HISTORY, BIOGRAPHY, ETC.

Brown, R. Countries of the world. 6v. Q.
Larned, J. N. History for ready reference. 1901. v. 6.
Pausanias. Description of Greece; tr. by J. C. Frazer. 1898. 6v.
Conard, H. L. Encyclopedia of the history of Mo. 1901. 6v.
American reference library. [c1900.1] 6v. O.
Holinshed, R. Chronicles of England, Scotland and Ireland. 1807-8. 6v.
Ramsay, Sir J. H. Lancaster and York. 1892. 2v. O.
Hazlitt, W. C. Venetian republic. 1900. 2v. O.
Lugard, F. D. Rise of our East African empire. 1893. 2v. O.
Gatty, Mrs. A. Book of sun-dials. 1900. Q.
Head, B. V. Historia numorum. 1887. Q.
Bradford, W. Sketches of the country, costume, etc., of Portugal and Spain, 1809. F.
Artagnan, Charles de Baty de Castlemore, comte d' Memoirs. 1899. 3v. O.
Byrd, W. Writing; ed. by J. S. Bassett. 1901. Q.
Greard, V. C. O. Meissonier. 1897. F.
Mason, G. C. Life and works of Gilbert Stuart. 1879. Q.
Davies, A. C. F. Armorial families. 1895. F.
Imperial reference library; ed. by C. S. Morris. 6v. [c18991. Q.
Fletcher, W. I. Index to general literature, enlarged to 1900. Q. 2 cop.
Poole, W. F. Index to periodical literature; abr. by W. I. Fletcher. 1901. Q.
Morris, H., and Lond, M. B. Human anatomy. 1899. Q.

EXCHANGES AND DONATIONS.

The receipts by exchange and gift during the year amounted to 2,186 volumes and 5,525 pamphlets, not quite as many as the total for the preceding year. They came from 871 sources, and are separately acknowledged in an appendix. The largest donation was that of Mr. Chas. R. Gregory, who, to his former gift, added another box of French books numbering 250 volumes. With these was included, also, a fine set of Tacitus from Mr. Wm. A. Gregory. The Library is indebted to City Register Fitz-gibbon for 325 volumes of Mayor's Messages for use in making exchanges. The Art League of St. Louis presented its portfolio collection of over fifteen hundred reproductions of famous pictures, which had been for several years deposited in the Library and issued therefrom. Other gifts of from ten to seventy-five volumes were received from the following persons, firms and institutions: Mrs. Geo. O. Carpenter, Congregational Missionary Library, D. C. Heath & Co., Mr. Geo. C. Hitchcock, Indiana State Library, Hon. Chas. F. Joy, Miss Alice Litton, Missouri Branch W. B. M. I. (as a nucleus for Congregational Missionary Reference Library), Gen. Jno. W. Noble, Miss Elizabeth Patterson, Hon. Chas. E. Pearce, Mr. E. C. Robbins, Jas. A. Rose, Sec'y State, Illinois, Social Settlement League, and Hon. A. M. Thayer.

CONTENTS OF THE LIBRARY.

The task of taking stock naturally becomes greater as the collection grows; but the difficulty is further increased by the crowded condition of our shelves and the consequent impossibility of keeping the books in proper order. The inventory completed May 31, 1901, shows that on that date there were on the shelves about 141,701 volumes, of which 135,701 were catalogued. The following tables give the contents of the collection by classes and by rooms. The additions from June 1, 1901, to April 30, 1902 (after subtracting books worn out, lost and raid for, etc.), bring the total up to 156,092 volumes.

As always happens, this inventory accounted for a number of volumes (95) that could not be found or accounted for at the previous

stock-taking.

The weekly and monthly records summed up at the time of the stock-taking showed that during the two years between inventories 8,493 volumes had been worn out and withdrawn, 313 volumes lost and paid for, 190 volumes charged to borrowers and not returned, and 1,158 volumes were not accounted for. The last item will unquestionably be considerably reduced, as each inventory discovers books previously un-

accounted for.

While the chief object of an inventory is to ascertain what books are on hand and what have disappeared, there are incidental results that are of no small value. In general, it serves as a revision of the shelf list (or official classed catalogue), checking that with the books themselves, and thus discovering any discrepancies between the card and book and any mistakes that may have been made in the shelf-list, or in preparing the book for circulation. It also calls attention to books out of place on the shelves and to loss of title pages and other imperfections. It is an inspection as well as an inventory.

CONTENTS OF LIBRARY,	JUNE 1,	1901.		
Classes. Philosophy Theology Social Science Natural Science Art and Poetry Fiction Juvenile Literature Literary Miscellany Travels and History. Cyclopaedias and Periodicals	Reg. Lib. 1,466 5,774 21,348 18,530 7,797 24,956 20,343 7,262 16,147 11,577	Coll. of 2 489 1 3 6	Dup.	Totals. 1,466 5,774 21,348 18,530 7,799 25,445 20,344 7,265 16,153 11,577
Unentered duplicates and books not yet catalog	135,200 gued, abo	501 ut		135,701 6,000
Total contents, May 31,1901 CONTENTS OF EACH		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		141,701
Circulation Department— Main Library Collection of Duplicates. Froebel Collection			87,884 501 325	
Ref. Books in Issue Department			88,710 2,553	91,263
Public Document Room. U. S. Documents shelved in hall. Reading Room Art Room Catalogue Room Office				13,328 8,886 1,375 1,905 345 47
Reference Room McAnally Collection			15,068 3,484	18,552
Unentered duplicates, etc. (about)				135,701 6,000
Total contents of collection, May 31, 1901	01-April 30	0, 1902	22,922 8,53 1	141,701
Net additions				14,391
"Total contents, April 30, 1902	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •			156,092

BINDING.

Both in volumes bound for the first time and in volumes rebound there is, as was to be expected, an increase—not a large one—over last year: 1,417 volumes bound, as compared with 1,137 of the previous year, and 8,927 rebound, as against 8,404 of the preceding year. The cost of the former averaged 67.9 cents per volume, and of the latter 40 cents a volume, exactly the same average as that of the former year. Most of the volumes newly bound are reference books, while nearly all the rebound books belong to the circulation department. There were also 2,712 volumes repaired by contract, and 9,471 repaired in the Library.

CIRCULATION.

This year we crossed the million mark. The total issue of books and periodicals was 1,082,370. The home issue was 778,507, divided as follows: Main desk (drawn by call slips), 176,291; open shelves, 173,893 (of which 41,263 were from the Collection of Duplicates); delivery stations, 237,531; supplementary reading and depositories, 103,320; juvenile room, 87,972. The gain in the home issue was 38,328, and the total gain 83,773.

The above figures show that out of 778,507 books drawn for home reading 340,851, 43 per cent, were issued through the delivery stations and other outside agencies; that of books drawn by adults at the Library, nearly as many were selected by readers from the open shelves as were called for at the receiving desk; and that nearly one-fourth of the books drawn from the open shelves were from the Collection of Duplicates; and, also, that of the juvenile issue, considerably more than half was distributed through the schools. These facts plainly indicate that the open shelf system should be extended, and that the growth of the Library's usefulness to the public must come through the extension of its distributing agencies—through the increase of delivery stations, the establishment of branches and a closer co-operation with the schools. The largest week-day issue was 4,340, and the smallest was 1,361, on August 2. The total Sunday issue was 16,941, and the holiday issue 15,009, an average of 1,851 for the eight holidays. The average daily issue was 3,338; the average week-day issue, 3,468. The number of periodicals issued in the Reading Room was 208,757. The recorded issue of books for use in the Reading Room and the Reference Room was 95,106; but thousands of volumes were used in the Reference Room of which no record was made. There has been a decrease in the number of ordinary books drawn for pastime reading in the Reading Room, and a marked increase in the use of the Reference Room for study and investigation. The latter room was frequently crowded to the point of discomfort. The increase in the use of the Reference Department was in greater ratio than that of any other department. The books drawn for both Reading Room and Reference Room (i. e., for reading and for study) numbered, the previous year, 70,606; the year before that, 66,966—showing a gain of less than 4,000. This year shows an increase from 70,606 to 95,106—more than 35 per cent. The use of the Reference Room has steadily grown from the beginning, but has not before shown so great an increase. And, as remarked before, an increasing ratio of this issue of books for use in the Library consists of books drawn in the Reference Room; while as the issue grows, the record falls more and more short of the actual figures. Full details of the issue for the year are given in the following tables:

ISSUE BY MONTHS.

•	Home Issue.						
	Main Library.	Delivery Stations.	Schools and Depositories	Total	Library.	Periodicals.	Total.
May. June. July. August. September. October. November. December. January. February. March. April. Total. 1901. Gain.	33,434 29,645 29,970 31,574 29,329 34,449 36,293 43,920 41,622 46,703 42,£01 433,156 409,687 28,469	15,142 14,683 13,912 12,605 16,504 24,887 20,475 20,185 26,548 26,226 25,961 237,331	1,617 9,163 12,567 10,849 16,029 13,231 14,802 16,306 103,020	87,731 84,468 778,507 740,179 38,328	5,438 5,712 5,241 5,238 8,549 9,515 9,001 10,320 10,266 11,210 7,642 95,106	11,193 10,246 11,386 11,447 16,615 20,102 21,632 23,692 21,876 24,450 21,010 208,757 187,812	61,418 60,611 62,413 60,236 85,280 105,787 98,250 114,146 113,543 123,391 113,120 1,082,370
Loss			*16,688				ļ

^{*}Owing to lack of transportation.

CLASSIFIED CIRCULATION.

	Home Issue.	Per Cent.	Library Issue.	Per Cent	Total Issue of Books.	Per Cent.
Philosophy. Religion. Soc. Science Natural Science Art Poetry Fiction Coll. of Dup. Juvenile. Lit. Misc. Travels. History. Biography. Magazine. Total.	3,830 5,794 14,203 6,526 9,807 386,429 41,263, 265,548 10,409 6,777 9,913 8,070 6,256	34.11 1.34 $.87$ 1.27	12,826 7,259 3,736 7,121 1,210 6,375 4,305 8,914 5,813 18,332	4.27 14.79 13.48 7.63 3.93 7.48 1.27 6.70 4.52 9.37 6.11 19.27	27,029 13,785 13,543 393,550 41,263 266,758 16,784 11,082 18,827 13,883 24,588	.55 .90 2.27 3.09 1.58 4.72 30.53 1.92 1.27 2.16 1.27 2.51 99.98

SUMMARIES. Home issue, regular library	1900-01 704,363	1901-02 737,244
Home issue, collection of duplicates	35,816	41,263
Library issue	740,179 70,606	-778,507 95,106
Total issue of books	810,785 187,812	873,613 208,757
'Total issue in all departments		

14								
Largest Week Day Issu February 26,	e, W e dı 1902.	nesday,	Sma	llest V	Veek D	ay Issi	ue, Aug	gust 2,
Main desk		572 278	Ope: Juv	n desk. n shelvenile very st	es			346
Total home issueLibrary issueReading room		3,212	Libi	al home ary iss ding ro	ue			84
Total issue in all Depa	rtments	4, 340	To	tal issu	ie i n al	l Depar	tments	1,823
Largest Sunday Issue, Library issue Reading room	• • • • • • • •	344	Libi	allest S ary iss ding ro	ue			22
Total	•••••	689	. То	tal	• • • • • • • •	•••••	• • • • • • • • • •	120
Total Sunday Library issue Reading room		2,135 14,806	Libi Res	Averary iss	ue	unday		41 284
TotalAverage Daily				_				325
Home issueLibrary issueReading room		2,495 264 579	Libi	Averane issu- cary issu- ding ro	e ue			2,495 304
Total				tal				
			AY ISS					
Decoration Day Fourth of July Labor Day McKinley's funeral	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		.	1,4	07 20 20	260 25 209	465 140 372	2,165 472 1,901 120
McKinley's funeral Thanksgiving Day Christmas Day New Year's Day Washington's Birthday.	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •			4 1 3,5	54 23 08 96	82 32 95 647	615 275 902 832	1,151 330 3,795 5,075
Total Average	• • • • • • • • • • •		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	7,3	68 1	,350 168	3,601 450	15,009 1,851
COLLECTION OF DUF			UED B		RS SIN	CE TH	IE LIB	RARY
	94-95	95-96	96-97	97-98	98-99	99-00	00-01	01-02
May June July	612 542 643	1,394 1,222 1,192	990 978 900	1,258 1,160 1,034	1,096 625 1,029	1,401 1,324 1,320	2,431 2,290 2,199	2,957 2,747 2,785
August September	666	1,225 1,016	930 878	985 972	1,102 917	1,574 1,707	2,305 $2,200$	2,690 2,522
October November December	771 931 987	1,130 1,302 1,257	995 1,046 1,181	1,367 1,643 1,894	1,307 1,281 1,423	1,930 2,230 2,577	2,974 3,621 3,536	2,569 3,845 3,838
JanuaryFebruary	1,190	1,469 1,489	1,389 1,413	1,858 1,670	1,507 1,491	3,082 2,536	3,678 3,480	4,303 4,100
MarchApril	1,780 1,649	1,378 1,085	1,380 1,396	1,680 1,394	1,591 1,446	3,548 2,755	3,773 3,329	4,596 3,971
Total		15, 1 59	13,476	16,915	15,815	25,984	35,816	
Average	990	1,266	1,123	1,409	1,269	2,165	2,818	3,438
CIRCULATION BY	YEARS	SINCI	THE	LIBRA	RY W.	AS MA	DE FR	EE.
	94-95	95-96	96-97	97-98	98-99	99-00	00-01	01-02
Home Issue Reference and Library Reading Room	331,426 40,628 165,359	46,082	551,059 51,240 2 184,729	647,171 69,070 204,259	65,732	707,823 66,966 201,886	740,179 70,606 187,812	778,507 95,106 208,757
Total	537,413	688,942	788,028	920,500	959,854	976,675	998,597	1,082,370

DELIVERY STATIONS.

There were issued through the stations 237,331 books, a gain of 26,547. Station 14, Pestalozzi and Salena, had the largest issue, 13,994. This was followed by No. 22, Grand and Finney avenues, with 10,019; No. 23, Broadway and Keokuk, 9,709; No. 25, Lafayette and California, 9,407; No. 19, Semple and Easton, 8,667; No. 30, Leffingwell and Cass, 8,575, and No. 33, Goode and Easton, 8,527.

On January 1 our contract with the St. Louis Delivery Company was cancelled and a new one made. In addition to the two wagons already in service this new contract provided for the one-third time of a third wagon until June, two-thirds until November, and full time thereafter to the end of the contract.

Station No. 6, 3625 North Broadway, and No. 27, Grand and Pine, were changed from bi-weeklies to dailies. No. 17 was moved from Delmar and Sarah to 919 Sarah; No. 27, from 3350 Laclede to Grand, between Lindell and Pine; No. 7 from 14th and Monroe to 15th and Chambers. Under our contract the following new stations have been added:

- No. 39. Westmoreland Hotel Drug Store.
 - 41. No. 2 North Jefferson avenue.
 - 42. Washington and Jefferson avenues.
 - 43. No. 4865 St. Louis avenue.
 - 44. Broadway and Marion.
 - 45. 25th street and Bremen avenue.
 - 46. Jefferson and Shenandoah avenues.
 - 47. Academy avenue and Suburban Tracks.
 - 48. No. 1827 Cass avenue.

By our contract we are allowed seventy stations; and the probabilities are, that, before the winter is over, we shall have our full quota.

JUVENILE DEPARTMENT.

The increase in the issue of books for children is not so great as we had reason to expect, and the explanation is easy to find. It lies in the lack of facilities for carrying the books to and from the schools. Miss Krug reports:

"The Supply Commissioner gave us *very* limited transportation, from one to three small boxes per day during the months of October, March and April; *no* transportation during September, January and February; *gcod* transportation, about ten boxes per day, during November and December. So great was the enthusiasm of principals, teachers and children that they were willing to do a great deal of heavy transportation by carrying the books.

"Of the seventy-five white schools in the city, fifty have been fairly constant borrowers; nine drew occasionally, and sixteen not at all. Of these sixteen, five had used the sets quite regularly the previous year, but did not call for them this year, and eleven have never used the supplementary reading. The colored schools have not made much use of sets."

Supplementary Reading.

From the experience of the last three years, Miss Krug makes the following interesting comments on the relative popularity or unpopularity of the books sent in sets to the schools. The degree of popularity depends, to some extent, on the material make-up of the book, as is indicated in several items in the lists:

USEFULNESS OF THE OLD SETS.

"Some of our first selections we may still count as our best material. The following are especially popular:

Baldwin. Old Greek stories. -Old stories of the East.

Brooks. Stories of the red children.

Carroll. Alice in wonderland. Clemens. Prince and pauper. DeFoe. Robinson Crusoe. Murry.)

Dodge. Hans Brinker.

Eggleston. First book in American history.

-Stories of American life and adventure.

- Stories of great Americans for little Americans.

Homer. Story of Troy; Clark. Kingsley, Greek heroes. Lane. Stories for children. Lang. Fairy books, Cinderella, etc.

McMurry. Classic stories. Adventures of a brownie. Mulock.

-Little lame prince. Sewell. Black beauty. Swinton. Golden book.

Taylor. Boys of other countries. Wiggin. The Bird's Christn Christmas carol.

These have grown in popularity during the last year: .

Norton. Heart of oak books. Johonnot. Book of cats and dogs. - Neighbors with wings and fins.

Longfellow. Hiawatha. (Unabridged.) Morley. Seed babies.

"There is still much call for the geographical books, also for Lovering's New York and Pratt's Massachusetts, by those who dote on books of information.

"Of the new sets added during the last year these are especially to be commended:

La Motte-Fouqué. Undine. Ruskin. King of the Golden River. Wyss. Swiss family Robinson Scudder. Book of legends. Martineau. Peasant and prince.

Six nursery classics. Wyss. Swiss family Robinson.

"The last named have grown greatly in popularity. Unfortunately these sets, as also the "Prince and Pauper" sets, could not be circulated, as they were too heavy to carry by hand.

"These have not proved wholly satisfactory: Arabian Nights. (Not a good edition. Riverside.) Homer. Ulysses. (Cook.) (Better edition wanted.) Froissart. Chronicles; Singleton. (Seems rather difficult) Story of the English kings. (Seems rather difficult.) Old World wonder stories; and, Perrault. Tales of Mother Goose. (Not so satisfactory as the Lang books.) Nibelungen Lied; Burt. True. The iron star. Golden fairy book.

"Some of the sets for which we had little or no call we have put into the ordinary circulation department. They are doing good service there, and have helped us out when we were short of books. The sets so transferred are:

Aesop fables; Pratt. Ser. 1	. 2	sets.
Beckwith. In mythland	.1	set.
Goody Two Shoes	.1	set.
Holbrook. Hiawatha primer	.1	set.
Longfellow. Hiawatha, the Indian	.1	set.
Lang. Jack, the giant-killer	.1	set.
Thompson. First reader	.1	set.
'These sets were worn out:		
Baldwin. Fifty famous stories	.1	set.
Old stories of the East	.1	set.

Bates. Fairy tale of a fox	
Brooks. Stories of the red children1 set.	
Crosby. Our little book for little folks sets	١.
Lane. Stories for children 2 sets	١,
Lang. History of Whittington1 set.	
— Jack and the bean stalk sets	١.
— Little Red Riding Hood set.	
—— Princess on the glass hill set.	
— Sleeping Beauty 1 set.	
——— Snow-drop	5.
McMurry. Classic stories1 set.	

Depository Libraries.

"There was no growth over last year in the circulation through this agency. We found, last year, that some schools had asked for large collections and had used them very little, so that we did not specially encourage these to draw again. Then, too, in the middle of the year, we refused all applicants who wanted school libraries, because our supply of books was short. The books were better used this year, and where the issue report was not satisfactory we called them in. I recommend that we send out smaller collections, thirty instead of fifty books, and add as the issue grows."

ISSUED FROM DEPOSITORY LIBRARIES, 1901-1902.

	Books.	Weeks.	Total Issue	Average per week.
Carondelet Clinton Columbia Eliot Elleardsville. Fremont Garfield. Madison Marshall Pestalozzi Pope. Shepard. Soc. Settlement Walther College	260 25 275 130 36 40 100 75 200 30 70	28 27 21 20 14 32 27 3 8 11 24 26 7	2,599 2,215 1,882 2,791 273 5,951 975 270 170 604 614 3,523 32 422 22,321	93 82 90 140 20 186 36 90 25 55 26 135 5 38

THE CARNEGIE GIFT.

On May 7, 1902, just subsequent to the close of the year covered by this report, the property of the old Exposition was sold under an order of the bondholders, and was purchased by President Lehmann under authorization of the Board of Directors of the Library, for \$280,000. This was the total amount of the bonds and accrued interest and the floating debt of the Exposition Company. The bulk of the money was raised by subscription among the Directors of the St. Louis Union Trust Company. This was supplemented by subscriptions from four or five holders of Exposition paper, and the small balance was made up by the Board out of the Library funds. The Exposition site thus passed into the possession of the Library Board, to be used as a site for the central Carnegie building. The ordinance, however, which grants this use, compels the retention of the building now on the ground until after the conclusion of the Louisiana Purchase World's Fair.

THE STAFF.

In April, 1902. Mr. Jonathan W. George, Reference Librarian, resigned his position to enter business, after twelve years of creditable service in the Library. The position has been satisfactorily filled by the promotion of Miss Katherine T. Moody. For the staff, as a whole, I can only repeat the words of appreciation and praise of last year.

Respectfully submitted.

F. M. CRUNDEN, Librarian.

Nov. 10, 1902.

STATE OF MISSOURI, CITY OF ST. LOUIS, SS.

Before me, the undersigned, a notary public within and for the City of St. Louis, Mo., appeared Edward L. Preetorius, Chairman of the Auditing Committee of the St. Louis Public Library, who is personally known to me, who, being duly sworn, stated that the statement of receipts and expenditures of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library contained in the foregoing report of the Librarian for the year ending April 30, 1902, on account of City appropriation and other sources, is true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

EDW. L. PREETORIUS,

Chairman Auditing Committee, Board of Directors St. Louis Public (Free) Library.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 28th November, Nineteenhundred and two.

((Seal.)

H. A. BERKEMEYER,

Notary Public.

My term expires June 13th, 1906.

STATE OF MISSOURI, CITY OF ST. LOUIS, Ss.

Before the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the City of St. Louis, Mo., appeared F. M. Crunden, Librarian of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library, who is personally known to me, who, upon being by meduly sworn, stated that the foregoing report of the Board of Directors of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library is true and correct, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

F. M. CRUNDEN,

Librarian.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 2d day of May, 1903. (Seal.). OTTO L. ZELLE,

Notary Fublic, City of St. Louis.

My term expires November 10, 1905.

APPENDIX.

DONATIONS AND EXCHANGES, MAY 1, 1901—APRIL 30, 1902.

2186 Volumes and 5520 Pamphlets were received as exchanges and donations from 869 sources, as follows:

·	Vol.	Ppns.
Abbott, E. H. Boston, Mass		1
Accrington. Eng. Public Library		1
Adams Nervine Asylum		1
Aguilar Free Library N. Y		2
Alabama. Agric. Exp. Sta		4
Geol. Survey	1	
Albany. Bd. of Pub. Instruction		1
Allegheny, Pa. Carnegie Free Library		1
American Academy of Medicine		4
American Anti-Trust League		3
American Bankers' Assoc	1	1
American Bd. of Commrs. for Foreign Missions		14
American Catholic hist. researches		3.
American Church Missionary Soc.		2
American Climatological Assoc	• • •	2
American Colonization Soc. Wash	• • •	3
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American Congregational Assoc. Boston	• • •	
American electro-therapeutic and X-ray era	• • •	1
American Federation of Labor. Wash	• • •	2
American Fireproofing and Cement Construction Co	1	• • • •
American Free Trade League. Boston		3
American Friend Pub. Co		17
American Institute of Architects. Wash		4
American Irish Hist. Soc	1	
American mathematical monthly. Springfield, Mo		3
American medical journalist		2
American monthly magazine		4
American Numismatic and Archaelogical Soc		1
American Park and Outdoor Art Assoc	1	4
American Peace Society		17
American Protective Tariff League		2
American Social Science Assoc	1	1
American Soc. for the Extension of Univ. Teaching		1
American Soc. of Civil Engineers	2	
American Street Railroad Assoc		1
Amherst College		2
Ancient and Honorable Artillery Co. of Mass	1	14
Anderson, Dr. J. T. Brooklyn, N. Y		1
Andover Theological Seminary		1
Annals of the propagation of the faith		i
Anonymous.	1	8
Appleton & Co. (D.) N. Y.	1	0
Association of Colleges and Preparatory Schools in Middle	Т	• • •
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Association of Military Surgeons	• • •	3
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe. R. R. Co	• • •	1

Atlanta. Carnegie Library		1
Audubon Soc. of Mo		2
Bachelor	•••	3
Balch, T. W. Phil	1	• • •
Baltimore. Chamber of Commerce	1	1
Barnes Medical College. St. Louis.		1
Barrow-in Furness, Eng. Free Public Library		i
Bates, W. H	6	
Battersea Public Libraries		1
Bayer Company Ltd. Elberfeld, Germany	3	21
Beer, L. W. New Orleans	1	• • •
Belgium. Dept. of Agric. and Pub. Works	• • •	15
Belleville, Ill. Public Library	• • •	1
Bemis, E. W. Cleveland, Ohio Berlin. Bureau of Statistics	• • •	1 1
— Magistrates		1
Beverly, Mass. Public Library		1
Billon, Miss. St. Louis.	7	
Blackburn Free Library. County Borough of Blackburn, Eng.		1
Blair, J. L. St. Louis	1	1
Blees Military Academy. Macon, Mo		. 4
Bolton. Public Free Library. Bolton, Eng		1
Book notes. Providence, R. I		6
Boston. Associated Charities	• • •	1
- Auditor	1	
Chamber of Commerce	1	• • • •
Children's Aid Society	• • •	1
Children's Institutions Dept	2	• • • •
Dept. of Parks Health Department	1	1 14
— Home for Aged Men		1
—— Improved Dwelling Association		1
——Industrial Aid Society		ī
—— Industrial School for Crippled and Deformed Children		1
— Metropolitan Park Commissioners	1	
— Museum of Fine Arts		1
Provident Assoc	• • •	1
Public Library	1	10
—— School Committee	2	24
Young Men's Christian Union	1	4
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Bowdoin College. Brunswick, Me		1
Bower, W. Ava, Ill	1	
Bradford, C. St. Louis	1	
Breeze Pub. Co	1 .	
Breslau. Handelskammer		1
Bridgeport, Conn. Public Library		1
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Brockton, Mass. Public Library. Bronson Library. Waterbury, Conn	• • •	4
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Brown, J. P. Boston	1	
Brown and Sharpe Mfg. Co. Providence	$\frac{1}{2}$	
Brown University. Providence		1
Bryn Mawr College. Bryn Mawr, Penn		1
Buffalo. Common Council	1	
— Merchants Exchange		2
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Buffalo Charity Organization Soc		1
Eullard Machine Tool Co. Bridgeport, Conn		1
Bunker Hill Monument Assoc	1	
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Burlington, Io. Free Public Library	• • •	1
Bussey Institution. Jamaica Plains, Mass		1
Byars, W. V. St. Louis		1
Cahn, Wampold and Co. Chicago	5	3
Caldwell, J. W. St. Louis	3	
California. Railroad Commrs		1
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Cambridge, Mass. City Clerk	_	• • • •
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Campbell, Rev. T. J		1
Canada. Auditor General	2	
—— Dept. of Agric		6
Dept. of Militia and Defense		3
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— Dept. of Railways and Canals		10
— Dept. of Trade and Commerce	2	10
—— Geological Survey	2	2
Minister of Education		1
Minister of Finance		16
Geographic Bd		1
Inland Revenue Dept		$\frac{1}{2}$
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— Minister of Justice	• • •	
— Minister of Public Works		2
—— Post Office Dept	1	2
Canada stamp sheet and energy. Quebec		1
Cantwell, H. J. St. Louis		6
Carlisle, C. Washington	2	
Carnegie Institute. Pittsburgh	1	
Carpenter, Mrs. G. O. St. Louis.		706
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Casco Bay breeze	1	• • •
Catholic school journal		1
Central Conference of Amer. Rabbis	.;	9
Century Theatre. St. Louis		64
Chadwick, Capt. F. E. Newport, R. I		1
Challenge. Los Angeles, Cal		1
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Charaka-samhita	• • •	
Chicago. Bur. of Justice	• • •	4
City Homes Assoc		2
— Fire Dept		2
—— Health Dept		5
Municipal Library and Bur. of Statistics		5
Public Library		10
South Park Commrs		1
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Chicago and Alton R. R	• • •	
Chicago and Northwestern R. R	• • •	1
Chicago Historical Society		4
Chicago Library Club		1
Chicago, Milwaukee and St. P. R. R		1
Christian Social Union		1
Christian Socialist League		3
Cincinnati. Associated Charities		1
Clammad of Weterwards	• • •	
Commrs. of Waterworks		1
— Public Library	• • •	14
Civic improvement bulletinSt. Louis		1 ·
Clark, G. M. Higganum, Conn		2
Clark (C. M.) Pub. Co. Boston	1	
Clendennin, Mrs. I. R. St. Louis	4	
Cleveland. Bd. of Education		1
-— Chamber of Commerce.	···i	
Public Library		2
Clothed with the sun. Washington		1

Coates and Co. (Henry T.) Phil	1	
Cockrell, F. M. Washington	22	32
Collector, N. Y		1
Colles, G. W		1
Colorado. Agric. Exp. Sta		6
Bur. of Mines		2
Revenue Commission		1
—— State Ins. Dept	1	
Colorado Bar Assoc		1
Columbia Theatre. St. Louis		$7\overline{2}$
Columbia Univ. N. Y.	$\frac{\cdots}{2}$	4
Columbus, O. Public School Library		i
Concord, N. H. Public Library		î
Congregational Education Society		1
Congregational Homes Missionary Soc		2
Congregational Missionary Library	75	_
Connecticut Agric. Exp. Station	1	
— Bank Commissioners	i	
— Bd. of Educ.	1	• • •
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—— State Bd. of Health	$rac{1}{2}$	
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Cornell University	• • •	2
—— Agric. Exp. Sta	• • •	22
Correct English	• • •	1
Council Bluffs. Free Public Library	• • •	1
Creelman, J	1	
Crunden, F. M. St. Louis	2	73
Cust, R. N. London	1	• • •
Dandeno, J. B. St. Louis.	• • •	1
Dartmouth College	1	3
Day, Rev. J. W. St. Louis	• • •	. 1
Dayton, O. Public Library and Museum.	•••	4
Deering Harvester Co., Chicago, Ill	1	• • •
Delaware. Adjutant Gen	1	15
Denver. Bureau of Health	• • •	
Denver Medical Pub. Co	. • • •	1
Detroit. Public Library	• • •	2
Dieckman, E. C. St. Louis.	• • •	10
Discontent	• • •	1
District of Columbia Electrical Dept	• • •	1
Public Library	• • •	1
Drainage Journal	 1	1
Dresser, H. W. Boston		1
Drexel Institute. Phil	• • •	3
Dundee. Free Libraries	• • •	1 1
East St. Louis Public Library	• • •	1
Eau Claire Public Library	• • •	1
Edgar, T. B. St. Louis, Mo	1	
Editor and publisher. N. Y Elisha Mitchell Scientific Society	• • •	1 1
Empire region	• • •	- 1
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Erie, Pa. Public Library	• • •	1
Evanston, Ill. Free Public Library	···	1
Evens and Howard, St. Louis		
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Field, M. Chicago	$\overset{2}{2}$	• • •
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Finsbury, Metropolitan Borough of. Public Libraries Com		1
Fitz Public Library. Chelsea, Mass		1
Fletcher Free Library		1
Florida. Agric. Exp. Station		6
Forbes Library. Northampton, Mass		2
France. Ministere du Commerce		1
Friends' Free Library and Reading Room. Germantown, Pa.		
Gage, M. J. Chicago	2	
Garcia, G. Mexico	1	1
Garrison, Rev. J. H. St. Louis	1	
Gay, G. W. Boston.		4
General Theological Library. Boston		i
George, J. W. St. Louis		8
Georgetown Preparatory School Washington		1
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Gloversville, N. Y. Free Library	• • •	
Goldberg, H. Boston	1	• • •
Gould Directory Co. St. Louis	1	• • • •
Grand Opera House. St. Louis.		62
Grand Rapids, Mich. Public Library	• • •	1
Great Northern Railway		3
Green, B. E. Dalton, Ga		1
Green, S. S. Worcester, Mass		3
Greenword, J. M. Kansas City, Mo		1
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Gregory, C. R. Paris	250	20
Gregory, L. M. Los Angeles, Cal		1
Gregory, W. A. Paris	4	
Grosvenor Public Library. Buffalo		1
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Hambleton, Mrs. M. H. Shelbyville, Ill	2	
Harmon, H. Chicago		1
Hartford Theological Seminary		$\overline{2}$
Hartley House. N. Y		$\bar{2}$
Hartwig-Kalley national missionary. Indianapolis		1
Harvard Lampoon		$\frac{1}{2}$
Harvard University. Cambridge, Mass	i	3
Haverford College Haverford, Pa		2
Haverhill. Public Library		$\frac{2}{2}$
Havlins Theatre. St. Louis.		70
Health Culture Co.		1
Heath & Co. (D. C.) Boston	14	
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Heller, O. St. Louis.	• • •	1
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Henneberry Co	22	
Herthel, Mrs. St. Louis		114
Highland Park College, Des Moines	• • •	1
Hills, W. G. St. Louis	1	• • •
Histed, Miss J. St. Louis	5	
Hitchcock, G. C. St. Louis	29	528
Homan, Dr. G. St. Louis.	• • •	4
Hospital of Prot. Epis. Church in Diocese So. Ohio	• • •	1
Huguenot Society of South Carolina	• • •	1
Humane Literature Committee. Providence, R. I	1	7
Idaho. Agric. Exp. Station		2
Free Library Commission.		1
Illinois. Bur. of Labor Statistics	2	
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Illinois Firemen's association)		2
Illinois State Bar association	1	• • • •
Imperial Theatre. St. Louis	• • •	64
Independent Labor PartyLondon		5
Indian Rights Assoc. Phil		6
Indiana. Board of State Charities		2
— Horticultural Soc	1	
—— State Board of Health		2
—— State Library		1
International Assoc. for the Advancement of Science, Arts and		
Education, N. Y		10
International Museum. St. Louis		1
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Iowa. Agricultural College		$\overline{2}$
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Geol. Survey	1	• • •
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Von Phul, B. St. Louis	1	
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Washington Heights Free Library	• • •	1
Washington University Assoc		1
Watch Tower Bible and Tract Soc		2
Watertown, Mass. Free Public Library		1
Way, W. I. Chicago		1
Webster Groves. Monday Club.		
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Weekly Sun. Toronto	• • •	1
Weeks, E. R. Kansas City, Mo		` 1
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Wentworth Military Academy. Lexington, Mo		1
Wesleyan Univ. Middletown, Conn		9
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Westminster, Eng. Public Libraries		1
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Williams, Rev. M. C. St. Louis	1	
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Wisconsin. Commissioners of Fisheries		1
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Wolverhampton, Eng. Free Library	• • • •	1
Woman's Education Assoc	• • •	2
Woman's Hospital in the State of N. Y		1
Women's Industrial Council		1
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DELIVERY STATIONS.

No. LOCATION.	PROPRIETOR.	DELIVERY DAYS
1Garrison and Easton Aves	.W. B. Pilkington	.Daily.
2Grand and St. Louis Aves	.C. Glaub	. Daily.
3. Grand Ave. & Nat. Bridge Rd.	.A. J. Hoenny	Mon. & Thurs.
4 Newstead and St Louis Awas	A Ludwig	Daily
5 F Crond Ave and 20th Ct	Theo II Wurmh	Man & Thung
6 3625 N Broadway	Waldeck Bros	Daily
715th and Chambers Sts	A. W. Peterson	Daily.
8. Gravois Ave. and Arsenal St.	R Jost	Daily.
9. Bates St. and Virginia Ave	Rates St Pharmacy	Tues & Fri
101701 Park Ave	Wm C Bolm	Daily
11. Michigan Ave. and Kansas St.	Schneider's Pharmacy	Tues & Fri
12. Menard and Barton Sts	Alf T Wittmann	Wed & Set
137618 S. Broadway	Tormonn Duog	Tuon & Dat.
14. Pestalozzi and Salena Sts	Weltzpagger Drug Co	Doily
14. Pestalozzi and Salena Sts	. Kaitwasser Drug Co	Daily.
15. Meramec St. & Virginia Ave		
16 Tower Grove & Manchest. Ave		
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18. Cabanne Arcade	B. C. Huger	Dany.
19. Semple and Easton Aves 20. Marcus and Easton Aves	.E. A. Bernius	Dany.
20. Marcus and Easton Aves	.H. H. Temm	Daily.
21. Euclid Ave. & Delmar Bl 22. Grand and Finney Aves	.Wm. K. Ilhardt	.Daily.
22Grand and Finney Aves	F. C. Garthoffner	Daily.
23. Broadway and Keokuk St	.R. S. Vitt	Daily.
24. Park and Compton Aves 25. Lafayette and California Aves	.F. V. Fischer	Daily.
25Lafayette and California Aves	.F. C. Meyer	Daily.
26 Chouteau and California Aves	.Rodemich Pharmacý	Mon. & Thur.
27. Grand Ave. and Pine St	.J. Kennedy	Daily.
28Grand and Gravois Aves	. Ude's Pharmacy	Mon. & Thur.
2923rd and Dodier Sts	.J. Tontz	Daily.
30Leffingwell and Cass Aves	.J. W. Westmann	Daily.
2923rd and Dodier Sts	.Wm. F. Ittner	Daily.
32. Boyle and Laclede Aves	Geo. B. Smith	Tues. & Fri.
33 Goode and Easton Aves	.J. A. Guttman	Daily.
3412th St. and Chouteau Ave 35Morganford Rd. & Scanlan Ave	F. Angermueller	.Daily.
35. Morganford Rd. & Scanlan Ave	E. A. Schwenker	Mon. & Thur.
36.,4403 Natural Bridge Rd	Mrs. L. H. Miller	Tues. & Fri.
37. Broadway and Barton St	Coeln Drug Co	Wed. & Sat.
3812th St. and Geyer Ave	Jos. Kurka	Mon. & Thur.
39Westmoreland Drug Store	Leo. Ruckersfeldt	Tues. & Fri.
40. Manchester and Ecoff Aves	Benton Drug Store	Wed. & Sat.
40. Manchester and Ecoff Aves 412631 Gamble St	Philibert's Pharmacy	Wed. & Sat.
42. Jefferson & Washington Aves.	Louis Lehmann	Tues, & Fri.
42. Jefferson & Washington Aves. 43. 4865 St. Louis Ave	Mary Tobias	Wed. & Sat.
44. Broadway and Marion St.	S Broadway Pharm.	Wed. & Sat.
4525th St. and Bremen Ave	Wellmever's L'harmacy	Tues. & Fri.
46. Shenandoah & Jefferson Aves.	Theo. Hagenow	Mon. & Thur.
47. Academy and Suburban Aves.	Raymond Pl. Pharm	Daily.
48. 20th and Wright Sts	Geo H Weitkamp	Wed. & Sat.
4820th and Wright Sts	Marion Pharmacy	Wed. & Sat.
50 4115 Prairie Ave	Hill's Pharmacy	Mon. & Thur
51. Compton and Lawton Aves	Lawton Pharmacy	Mon & Thur
527th St. and Cass Ave	Naidringhaus Memorial	Tues & Fri
53N. Market St. & Vandeventer	Murmann's Pharmacy	Tues & Fri
54. Sarah St. and Chouteau Ave	Grav's Pharmacy	Tues & Fri
5511th and Penrose Sts	Barkhoefer's Pharm	Mon & Thur
56. Jefferson Ave. and N. Market.	Koch's Pharmacy	Wed & Sat
57 Leffingwell Ave and Margan	Imperial Pharmacy	Wed & Sat.
57. Leffingwell Ave. and Morgan. 58. Vandeventer and Laclede Aves.	Schulz's Pharmacy	Tuge & Fri
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St. Louis Public (Free) Library.

St. Louis, Mo., February 10, 1904.

Hon. Rolla Wells, Mayor of the City of St. Louis, Mo.

SIR:

I have the honor to transmit herewith the report of the Librarian of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library, showing the operations and finances of the Library for the year ending April 30th, 1903.

Respectfully yours,

F. W. LEHMANN, President of the Board of Directors.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

To the Honorable Board of Directors of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library:—

I beg leave to present herewith my tenth annual report as Librarian of the Free Public Library, for the year ending April 30, 1903.

The most notable event of the year was the fulfilment of the second condition of Mr. Carnegie's gift, the securing of a site for the central Carnegie building. It was on May 7, 1902, at the very outset of the year, that the property of the old Exposition was sold under a bondholders' deed of trust and purchased by the Board of Directors for \$280,000. This sum was the total amount of the bonds and accrued interest and the floating debt of the Exposition Company. The bulk of this money was subscribed individually by the Directors of the St. Louis Union Trust Company. As, under the ordinance, the site could not be used till after the close of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, it was arranged that the subscriptions should be paid in installments covering two years. The St. Louis Union Trust Company, however, advanced the whole purchase price in cash, taking the notes of the Library, with the individual subscriptions of the Company's own Directors as additional security. By the terms of the agreement with the Trust Company, any income to be obtained from the Exposition property was to belong to the Library. The property was leased to the Colliseum Amusement Company on satisfactory terms, for two years, from December 1, 1902 to December 1, 1904, when the ordinance allows the demolition of the buildings in preparation for the new library structure.

By anticipating, out of its revenue, payments on this loan the Board cleared off the debt on April 1, 1903, and obtained a release of the deed of trust. As soon as this was accomplished, a copy of the deed of release and other proofs of the Library's title to the Exposition property were sent to Mr. Carnegie in Scotland. This was on May 14th. In reply Mr. Carnegie sent the following:—

SKIBO CASTLE, ARDGAY, N. B. 8th June, 1903.

F. M. Crunden, Esq., Librarian, Public Library, St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:-

I am delighted to receive yours of the 14th, showing that St. Louis has done her part, also that my dear friend, Mr. Barr, has been good enough to present a lot for one of the Branch Libraries. He is a fellow Scot, and a "wee drap bluid atween us" goes far, as you know, among Scotchmen.

Permit me to express my approval of all that you have done, including the purchase of the Old Exposition Assets. All is well and highly approved.

My Cashier, Mr. R. A. Franks, Home Trust Co., Hoboken, N. J., has been instructed to honor calls made by the proper authorities from time to time to meet expenditures upon the buildings.

Very truly yours,

(signed) Andrew Carnegie.

Previously, on receipt of information that the Exposition property had been secured as a site for the Central Library, Mr. Carnegie had written as follows:—

SKIBO CASTLE, ARDGAY, N. B.

F. M. Crunden, Esq.,

Librarian, St. Louis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of 22 May received. Mr. Carnegie sends his hearty congratulations and says he has great satisfaction in thinking of St. Louis and his gift to it.

Very respectfully yours,

James Bertram, Private Sec'y.

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On April 14, 1903, Mr. Wm. Barr, the first of our citizens to offer a site for a branch library, gave the Board a deed to a most eligible lot situated on the southwest corner of Lafayette and Jefferson Avenues. Several other pieces of ground have been offered in other parts of the city; but, thus far, this is the only site formally accepted. Though their practical significance is for the future, these are the most important events of the year. By way of completing this brief review of the larger financial affairs of the Board, I may add that this fall, some months after the close of the fiscal year reported on, the Board was able to pay \$100,000 on the debt due on Block 510, (Olive and Locust, 17th and 18th Streets), thereby reducing the interest to a sum which is more than covered by the rental of the property.

A full statement of the financial transactions of the year is given in the following table:—

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 13, 1903.

DR.

DR.			
To balance in City Treasury, April 7, 1902			
Collections, April 9, 1902—April 13, 1903	100,554	50	\$232,775 51
Balance in Bank Fund, April, 1902			
			14,441 90
Balance in Contingent Fund			137 46
Collection of Duplicates,			
Books issued \$2,19	5 6o		
Magazines sold 5	I 10		
	2,247	70	
Fines	3,444	59	
Books lost and paid for	. 319	17	
Catalogues	. 13	90	
Lost cards		50	
Postals	35	06	
Miscellaneous	. 18	95	
			6,302 87
Rent Collections			12,286 71
Interest			400 48
Exposition Site, Rent, Subscriptions, etc			76,443 69
Refund, William Baggot			226 31

Cr.			
By Salaries		29,306	46
Books, Main collection	15,200 41	7."	
Coll. of Duplicates	986 87		
Binding	5,828 64		
Periodicals	894 23		
Periodicals, Coll. of Duplicates	276 81		
		23,186	96
Real Estate, City Block 510, interest and			
principal notes, etc	28,795 91		
Rent	7,500 00		
Insurance	510 75		
Furniture and repairs	2,236 93		
•		39,043	59
Expense.			
Printing and Stationery	2,407 02		
Delivery Stations	3,061 94		
Postage	323 93		
Sundries	474 59		
Supplies	251 29		
Advertising	2 05		
-		6,520	82
Exposition Site		217,405	33
Total Expenditures		315,463	16
Balance in City Treasury, April 13, 1903		18,909	
Balance in Bank Fund		8,549	_
Balance in Contingent Fund.		, , , ,	02
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		\$343,014	93

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES, MARCH, 1894 to APRIL, 1903.

RECEIPTS.

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	Exposition Site	City Collections		Rent	Insur- ance	Misc.	Total
1894 1895 1896 1897 1898 1900 1901 1902		67,638 45 71,340 13 73,781 47 75 727 18 149,321 24	2,593 26 3,649 98 3,741 31 3,839 86 3,901 72 4,392 48 5,095 81 5,852 79	482 79 1,879 56 1,480 00 12,328 55 12,945 50 13.501 46 11.649 13	39,742 72	3 41 87 96 187 72 424 81 476 24 51 98 398 23 204 75 626 79	127,789 36 91,171 43 94,722 68 167,027 91
Tetal	\$76,443 69	839,765 12	39,483 74	66,553 70	39,742 72	2,461 89	1,064,450 86

EXPENDITURES.

	Exposition Site	Maintenance	Real Estate	Total	
1894 1895 1896 1897 1898 1899 1900 1901 1902			40,900 00 24,872 58 29,972 00 88,347 95 36,973 36 35,366 34 36,801 44 28,795 91	\$ 2,876 43,305 93,218 73,611 88,023 144,159 82,762 89,053 104,424 315,463	69 45 27 90 16 84 67 76 16
Total	\$ 217,405 33	497,464 18	322,029 58	1,036,899	09
					66
Bala	nce in Conti	ngent Fund, A	pril, 1903	 93	02

\$1,064,450 86

The desk receipts show a gradual increase from year to year, keeping about equal pace with the growth of the circulation. The total of this year exceeds that of the previous year by \$450.08. The increase comes from the two chief sources of desk revenue, fines and the issue of extra volumes from the Collection of Duplicates,—\$426.47 from the former and \$132.15 from the latter. There was a desirable, though slight, decrease in the sums received for lost books and lost cards. The principal items under Printing and Stationery are the printing of the annual report for the last year and three previous reports, which the former city administration failed to publish.

Rent from the Exposition property amounted to \$16,023.47, to which was added an insurance rebate of \$135.64 and a refund of \$16.94, the balance of a deposit in the water-meter department of the city. Against these receipts stand the following expenditures: salaries, \$2,921.08; insurance, \$4,354.00; repairs, (roof) \$3,420.65; special taxes, \$96.79; miscellaneous, \$164.04. On the loan for the purchase of the Exposition property \$206,448.77 was paid, of which \$76,443.69 came from subscriptions and the rent of the property, together with some small incidental items.

Grouping together all items coming under that head, it appears that the total expenditure for the maintenance and growth of the Library, was \$69,261.92. The rest of the total expendi-

ture of \$315,463.16 consisted of payments (principal and interest) on real estate investments, the Exposition property and city block 510 (17th and 18th, Olive and Locust Streets.) Of the maintenance fund more than a third, \$23,186.96, was devoted to keeping up the supply of reading matter; \$16,187.28 for books, \$1,171.04 for periodicals, and \$5,828.64 for binding. The principal items under the furniture and repair account were the painting of the rooms and the purchase of card cabinets.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

The further statistics that constitute the body of the report and show the operations of the year may thus be briefly summarized:—

The collection was increased by the addition of 16,320 volumes catalogued and placed on the shelves ready for use. Of these, 1,183* were gifts. The total included 1,499 German books, 90 French and 130 in other foreign languages.

The total list of donations and exchanges for the year numbered 1,325* volumes and 6,059 pamphlets. The collection, at the close of the year covered by this report, had about 165,000 volumes and about 30,000 pamphlets.

The registered card-holders numbered 58,961 persons, of whom 26,702 were under seventeen years of age. The record of the registration by wards is given later in the report.

The issue of books for home reading was 902,768: that for the previous year was 778,507. The total issue of books and periodicals was 1,237,892, a gain of 155,261 over the previous year.

REGISTRATION.

During the year 14,618 names were registered and 4,710 reregistered. The total number of card-holders on April 30, 1903, was 58,961. There were also 1,249 "extra" (non-fiction) cards and 157 "teachers" cards issued: 18,245 cards that had been filled were replaced by new ones, and 1,491 were lost and paid for. The fee of ten cents collected in these latter cases pays for the stationery and clerical service. Guarantors to the number of 112 withdrew, or their guaranties were cancelled for various reasons. Incidental to keeping the registration correct and up-to-date was the changing of 4,063 addresses. The work of the department occupied the time of two assistants all the year round and half the time of a third during the busier months.

^{*}The discrepancy between these two numbers is explained by the fact that some of the books given towards the last of one year are not catalogued till the next year, and by the additional fact that many gifts prove to be duplicates and may not be catalogued at all.

Total cards in force, April 30, 1902		
Registered May 1, 1902—April 30, 1903	14,018	69,319
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Cards expiring to April 30, 1903	15,068	
Less re-registered	4,710	10,358
		58,961
Total cards in force April 30, 1903		50,901
Men	15,107	
Women	17,090	
Children	26,702	
Institutions	62	
		58,061

REGISTRATION BY WARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1903.

WARD.	WARD.	WARD.
I 530	11411	21 638
2 762	12 303	22109I
3 711	13 879	23 237
4	14 327	24 985
5 206	15	251176
6 606	16 765	261068
7414	171144	27 724
	18491	
0 902	19 488	Suburban 267
	20	
		Total. 19,328

TOTAL REGISTRATION BY WARDS.

WARD.	WARD.	WARD.
1 1382	11 1526	211880
22029	121023	222910
3 2578	132413	23 1059
41074	141047	24 3202
5 895	151342	253856
61901	162127	26 3663
71310	172508	272218
81788	18	284020
	19 1853	
103255	201654	
0.00		Total, 58,961

CATALOGUE AND ORDER DEPARTMENT.

The year just prior to this was distinguished by the purchase and the cataloguing of the greatest number of volumes ever added to the collection in any one year. The additions for that year numbered 23,855 volumes. This year they amounted to 16,320 volumes catalogued and made ready for use. But the lessened number of books bought and catalogued gave opportunity for the accomplishment of other work equally important. The English Fiction Catalogue was published and copy prepared for the German Fiction Catalogue, which appeared soon after the close of the year. It may be

worth while to mention that the English catalogue, an octavo volume of 280 pages, of fair make-up, cost the Library nothing for the printing, that being done for the advertising privilege.

Typewritten, annotated lists of additions were prepared monthly and hung on the bulletin boards in the circulation and reference departments until the close of the year 1002, when the written lists were discontinued and the matter saved for the contemplated monthly Bulletin, two numbers of which (April and May) appeared before the close of the library year. Bulletin is to be included among the credits of the year. measure of its usefulness still remains to be ascertained. has always been (and I presume it is the same in other libraries) an urgent, seemingly extensive, demand for printed catalogues and lists of new books; but when they are supplied, their existence seems to destroy, or at least greatly diminish, the desire for them. The explanation is, I suppose, that the demand is not so general as it seems. At any rate, when monthly lists of new books, with topical reading lists added, are furnished free, those who care for them are few compared with the total of 60,000 card holders. But to supply the wants of a few thousand of the more judicious readers is doubtless worth the cost of the Bulletin.

28,400 cards were added to the various catalogues. Of this number 1,393 were printed cards obtained from the Library of Congress, the Library Bureau, and from the Publishers' Weekly entries. The majority of these printed cards were inserted in the official catalogue. In future they will probably be more evenly divided among the various catalogues, as the Library now subscribes for three copies of each card of a selected list of Library of Congress cards, instead of one copy for each new copyrighted book as formerly.

A few cards were written for the subject-index, but up to the close of the year none had been put into the catalogues. It is hoped to insert these during the current year and to push this work more vigorously.

The copying of the shelf-list of fiction from sheets to standard size cards, was begun five years ago and completed last year. This work occupied the time of one assistant when she could be spared from more pressing demands. During the past year the new shelf-list of juveniles was completed, and also the circulating books in classes 1-29m inclusive. For the latter the small standard card is used, as it effects a saving in space.

During stock-taking very little cataloguing could be done, as most of the cataloguing staff, with a smaller number from the circulation department, were engaged in that work. Advantage was taken of this opportunity to print class numbers back of title-pages in books which were added in the early days of the Library, and which had these numbers on the book pockets only. This will prove a great convenience when the cover or pocket happens to be lost; and at all times it will serve as a means of checking mistakes made in rewriting pockets. 12,230 numbers were so added.

Some measure of relief from the crowded condition of the cataloguing room was secured by taking down several sections of the stack in the public document room, in this way making space enough to place four desks and two card cabinets. division of the cataloguing force is, of course, disadvantageous; but there was no way to avoid it. The growth of our own catalogue, with nearly 30,000 cards added this year, makes a considerable demand for space; but in addition to this, we shall receive from forty to fifty thousand cards yearly for our copy of the catalogue of the Library of Congress. Thus far we have had to find space for two double tray cabinets, of 24 drawers each, for the filing of these cards. The present inconvenience caused by lack of space is not, however, to be considered in comparison with the great value of the catalogue. When complete, it will enable a resident of St. Louis to ascertain readily whether a given book is contained in the National Library.

The additions for the year, divided by classes, language and source, are given in the following table:

ADDITIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30th, 1903.

Classes.	Reg. Library	Coll. of Duplicates	Totals
Philosophy	62		62
Theology	370		370
Social science	970	I	971
Natural science	1,015		1,015
Art and poetry	597	3	600
Fiction	4,275	1,066	5,341
Juvenile literature	6,161		6,161
Literary miscellany	458	4	462
Travels and history	960		960
Cyclopaedias and periodicals	378		378
	15,246	1,074	16,320

Source. Purchase	13,540 1,183 67 456	1,074	14,614 1,183 67 456
	15,246	1,074	16,320
Language.			
English	13,527	1,074	14,601
French	90		90
German	1,499		1,499
Other	130		130
	15,246	1,074	16,320

Periodicals to complete sets, 519.

BOOKS WORN OUT, LOST AND PAID FOR, ETC.

Withdrawn5	,840
Lost and paid for	215
Lost at schools	68
Lost at Watts Chapel	8
Lost at Social Settlement	240
Lost at High School	5
Sold, burned (on account of contagious diseases), stolen and found in	
sewer, etc.	32
Charged to borrowers and not returned	32
	,440
Total additions16,320	
Less above 6,440	
Net increase	,

Of the 5,840 volumes worn out and withdrawn from circulation, 3,096 were replaced by new copies, as were also 26 volumes out of 215 lost and paid for, and 2 volumes out of the 32 burned and otherwise destroyed.

The 1,074 volumes added to the Collection of Duplicates cost the Library nothing, but were a source of net revenue, besides preventing much friction and dissatisfaction among numerous card-holders, who without this collection, could not have been supplied with the new books they wanted. This collection, as more fully explained in previous reports, is made up of duplicate copies of popular new books, which are issued on payment of 5 cents per week. Of late years the plan has been adopted by many other libraries in the country.

The addition of nearly 1,500 volumes of German books is worthy of special comment. The year's increment is quite a little library in itself; and it is a very substantial addition to a collection which already contained some 10,000 volumes. partment has been examined from time to time and approved by a number of our cultivated German citizens, among whom I may specially mention the late Isidor Bush and George Rothamel. Each examination led to the recommendation and purchase The collection was therefore already wellof desirable books. stocked with the standards of German literature and contained also a fair representation of more modern authors, when Professor Otto Heller, of Washington University, kindly undertook to bring it up to date by recommending many hundreds of titles of the best books published during the last 25 years. This involved considerable work on his part; and I gladly seize this opportunity to make public acknowledgment of his valuable service, and to bespeak from our German readers thanks for his labor in their behalf. The printing of the German Fiction Catalogue was delayed till these new books could be included.

The first lot of Russian books was ordered this year in response to requests from Russian residents. The list for purchase was prepared by Prof. Alexander Chessin, of Washington University, and Dr. E. C. Runge, Superintendent of the Insane Asylum. The books were chiefly Russian classics and the best recent books.

Among the additions of the year were many works of more or less costliness and importance and lasting value. The following titles are given as examples. In the list will be found a number of volumes on applied science and the arts, useful and fine. These are only the larger and more expensive works, nearly all for the Reference Department. The greater number of volumes in these classes were purchased for the Circulation Department: and it is a noteworthy fact that few books on applied science and the useful arts and trades remain long idle on the display shelves. Books in these lines, from the most elementary trade manual to the most scientific treatise on engineering or applied chemistry, are quickly taken from the open shelves. It is a gratifying assurance of the care taken in the selection of books for purchase that scarcely a volume is bought that does not speedily find readers. When we have more space and can thus keep a larger number of books on the open shelves, there will undoubtedly be an increased ratio of books of instruction read.

SOME NOTEWORTHY ADDITIONS: ARRANGED IN ORDER OF CLASS.	
Hoeffding, H. History of modern philosophy. 1900. 2 v. O.	3
Braid, J. Braid on hypnotism; neurypnology. 1899. O.	4a
WEISS, B. Biblical theology of the New Testament. 1893. 2 v. O.	ΙI
BEYSCHLAG, W. New Testament Theology. 1899. O.	па
DORNER, I. A. System of Christian doctrine. 1897. 4 v. O.	па
MUELLER, J. Christian doctrine of sin. 1885. 2 v. O.	па
Tissot, J. J. Life of our Saviour. 1899. 4 v. F.	12d
Podmore, F. Modern spiritualism. 1902. 2 v. O.	13b
THAYER, J. B. Cases on constitutional law. 1895. 2 v. Q.	24a
Brannon, H. Treatise on the rights guaranteed by the 14th amend-	
ment. 1901. O	25
Donahue, D. D. Treatise on petroleum. 1902. O.	25
Judson, F. N. Treatise on the power of taxation in U.S. 1903. O.	25
Georgia convention of the people. Journal. 1861. O.	26a
	29g
Proudhon, P. J. Traités. 1833-48. 18 v. O.	36
ALEXANDROV, A. Complete English-Russian dictionary. 1899. Q.	34
Wenstroem, E., and Lindgren, E. Engelsk-svensk ordbok. [1895.] O.	34
MARCH, F. A. Thesaurus dictionary of the English language. [c1902.]	
Q.	34a
CARPENTER, R. C. Experimental engineering. 1901. O.	40
COOPER, E. T. Linear perspective. c1900. F.	`40
International Correspondence School. Textbooks.	
NAYLOR, W. Trades waste. 1902. O.	40
ELECTRICAL world. Index. 1883-96. Q.	43
RAWSON, C., and others. Dictionary of dyes used in calico printing.	
1901. O.	44c
4	
Tylor, E. B. Primitive culture. 1891. 2 v. O.	51
Powell, W. H. List of officers of the U. S. 1900. O.	6o
Freemantle, F. F. Book of the rifle. 1901. O.	6 0 a
Brannt, W. T. Petroleum. 1895. O.	61c
Seger, H. A. Collected writings. v. 1. 1902. Q.	61c
Gottsberger, F. Accountant's guide. [c1902.] Q.	62a
Sheldon, F. M. Practical colorist. 1900. Q.	62b
Homans, J. E. Self-propelled vehicles. 1902. O.	62c
	63a
NEUBERGER, H., and Noalhat, H. Technology of petroleum. 1901. Q.	63а
Lowell, G., ed. American gardens. 1902. F.	бзь
Magner standard horse and stock book. 1898. Q.	63b

Scott, W. Florists' manual. 1899. Q.	63b
WILEY, H. W. Principles and practice of agricultural analysis. 1894-	
1897. 3 v. O.	63b
BALDRY, A. L. Modern mural decoration. 1902. O.	65
English country homes. 1901. F.	65a
VIGNOLA, G. B. da. Five orders of architecture; plates by Esquié. n.	
d. Q.	65a
CORNER, J. M., and Soderholtz, E. E. Examples of domestic colon-	
ial architecture in New England. 1901. F.	65a
Knight, H. G. Ecclesiastical architecture in Italy. 1843. 2 v. F6.	65a
Sanders, W. B. Half-timbered houses. 1894. F5.	65a
Wheelwright, E. M. School architecture. 1901. Q.	65a
LANTERI, E. Modelling. 1902. O.	65b
EYTH, K. Das farbige Malerbuch. 1-6. 1900. Q.	65c
VANDERPOEL, E. N. Color problems. 1902. D.	65c
Paris salon. 1901. F.	65e
Soule Art Co. Complete art reference catalogue. 1902. Q.	65e
Dekorative Vorbilder. v. 12-13. 1901-2. F.	65g
Palliser, F. (M.) History of lace. 1902. Q.	65g
GARRETT, E. H. Victorian songs. 1895. O.	67
Burns, R. National Burns; ed. by G. Gilfillan. n. d. 4 v. Q.	67b
Reid, J. B. Complete concordance to Burns. 1889. Q.	67b
LANIER, S. Shakespeare and his forerunners. 1902. 2 v. O.	67d1
Shakespeare, W. King Henry VIII.; introd. by E. Dowden. 1892.	
F.	67d1
Modern eloquence. 1901. 10 v. O.	74
Vorhees, D. W. Forty years of oratory. 1898. 2 v. O.	74a
MAZZINI, G. Life and writings. 1891. 6 v. D.	76
Saintsbury, G. History of criticism. 1902. O.	77
NICOLL, W. R., ed. Literary anecdotes. 1895-6. O.	77b
LARNED, J. N. Literature of American history. 1902. Q.	78b
Bossu, Capt. N. Travels through Louisiana. 1771. 2 v.	83c
HARRIS, T. M. Journal of a tour northwest of the Alleghany moun-	
tains. 1805. O.	83c
Lumholtz, C. Unknown Mexico. 1902. 2 v. O.	0 a d
	83d
PRICHARD, H. H. Through the heart of Patagonia. 1902. Q. WEY, F. Rome. 1888. F.	83f
SLADEN, D. In Sicily. 1901. 2 v. Q.	84d 84d
Lynch, H. F. B. Armenia. 1901. 2 v. O.	85a
Wright, G. F. Asiatic Russia. 1902. 2 v. O.	85c
Holmes, E. B. The Burton-Holmes lectures. 1901. 10 v. Q.	87b
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GARRAN, A., ed. Australia. 1892. 3 v. F.	87c
Schuerer, E. History of the Jewish people. n. d. 5 v. O.	goc
French, B. F. Historical memoirs of Louisiana. 1846-50. 1853.	
3 v. O.	. 91
Hanna, C. A. Scotch-Irish. 1902. 2 v. O.	91
WILSON, W. History of the American people. 1902. 5 v. O.	91
Stoddard, A. Sketches of Louisiana. 1812. O.	91
Singleton, E. Social New York under the Georges. 1902. O.	91e
Wright, Mrs. M. R. New Brazil. [c1901.] F.	92d
McKinnon, J. Union of England and Scotland. 1896. O.	93
McGeoghegan, J. History of Ireland. 1903. O.	93b
VILLARI, P. Barbarian invasions of Italy. 1902. O.	94a
LONERGAN, W. F. Historic churches of Paris. 1896. O.	94c
Forbes, A. My experiences of the war between France and Germany.	
1871. 2 v. O.	96b
COWAN, S. Mary Queen of Scots. 1901. 2 v. O.	97b
Lang, A. Mystery of Mary Stuart. 1901. O.	97b
Petit, J. A. History of Mary Stuart. 1874. 2 v. F.	97b
RAE, W. F. Sheridan. 1896. 2 v. O.	97b
Stoddart, A. M. J. Stuart Blackie. 1895. 2 v. O.	97b
TARVER, J. C. Tiberius the tyrant. 1902. O.	97b
WILKINS, W. H. Caroline the illustrious. 1901. 2 v. O.	97b

Donations and Exchanges.

The gifts and exchanges of the year comprise 1,325 volumes, 6,050 pamphlets, 125 maps and 1,496 mounted pictures. The last named were received from the Art League of St. Louis; while the rest came from oot different sources. A list of individual donors is given in an appendix. Among the more noteworthy gifts, besides the pictures referred to above, were 21 volumes from Dr. D. R. McAnally, his annual contribution to the collection given by his father; 67 volumes from the Gould Directory Company, comprising the directories of the principal cities of the United States; 66 volumes from Broadhead & Haeussler; 58 volumes and 10 pamphlets from Charles Pettus; 56 volumes and 30 pamphlets from Dr. L. H. Reuter; 20 volumes from Miss Helen Tutt; 25 volumes from Major J. B. Merwin; 23 volumes from D. C. Heath & Co.; 10 volumes from the St. Louis News Company; 8 volumes from the Frœbel Library Association, its annual contribution to the collection established by it some years ago. Dr. Sam'l. A. Green, Librarian of the Massachusetts Historical Society, a constant donor for many years, sent us this year a package containing 4 volumes and 53 pamphlets; Mr. Thomas W. Lawson, the well-known yachtsman, favored us with a copy of his handsome volume printed for private distribution, "The Lawson History of the America's Cup."

Our Bulletin and our Annual Report were mailed to 250 libraries; and we returned to the Superintendent of Public Documents 60 volumes and 8 pamphlets—duplicates of government publications.

Contents of the Library.

The taking of the biennial inventory came in this year. It was begun March 20, and the bulk of the work—the comparison of the books with the shelf list—was finished May 4. Spring is chosen as the most convenient season for this item of extra work, because there is always a decline in the circulation after the month of March; and the work can be practically completed before the vacations begin. It is no small task. As I have more fully explained in previous reports, it involves the handling of every volume in the collection, the noting of author, title and accession number, and a comparison of the same items on the corresponding card in the shelf-list and the stamping of book and card, and, further, the rectifying of any discrepancy between book and card that may be discovered.

Certain records relating to the biennial stock-taking are made from day to day with monthly footings. For example, as books unfit for further use are condemned, they are listed in a book kept for the purpose, and a note of their withdrawal is also made opposite their several entries in the accession ledger. In the "withdrawn book" the entries receive consecutive numbers, beginning with number I at the outset of each year, so that the last number shows how many volumes have been condemned up to date. Books "sold," "lost and paid for," etc., are listed in the same manner. These, together with those charged to readers and not returned, those destroyed for fear of contagion,—in short, all known losses are recorded from day to day. and from month to month; and whenever we desire to estimate the contents of the collection we take the figures shown by the last inventory, add to these the accessions since the date of the inventory, and from the total deduct the volumes condemned.

lost and paid for, etc. But from time to time books disappear without our knowledge. The object of the stock-taking is to ascertain what books are missing in this way.

Briefly, this inventory shows that in the two years 14,571 volumes were worn out and withdrawn from circulation; 398 were lost and paid for; 37 were lost and replaced by the losers with other copies; 17 were burned for fear of contagion; 6 were sold; 7 were stolen and dropped into a sewer; I was damaged and paid for and I was lost in transmission to the publisher; 240 were lost at a social settlement, 8 at a Sunday School, 5 at the High School, and 127 (32 this year and 95 the year previous) were charged to borrowers and not returned. These are all accounted for; we know, at least, how or through what channel they disappeared. But in addition to these, 1,458 volumes could not be found, nor could the manner of their disappearance be ascertained. It is quite possible that some of these are among the thousands that were boxed and stored in the Exposition building. At any rate, as always happens, some of them will be found later. This inventory brought to light 177 books reported unaccounted for at previous inventories. The loss through the social settlement was extraordinary: no such loss ever occurred before and it is not likely to occur again. It was caused by the extreme negligence of the former superintendent of the settlement. While in number of volumes it is large; in value it is very small, for most of the books would soon have gone to swell the number of books worn out and withdrawn. This last item was exceptionally large the last two years. because it included many volumes that should have been condemned in previous years. It inevitably increases with the growth of the circulation and represents the ordinary wear and tear. A public library that does not have many books worn out each year is not fulfilling its function. In his address at the formal opening of the present library quarters, Dr. Edward Everett Hale said, with repetition and emphasis; "Books are made to read. . . . The greatest credit to a library is its ability to report at the end of the year that a large number of its books have been worn out in clear and honest service." number of books lost could be very greatly reduced by various precautions, which, however, would cost as much, or more than, the value of the books, and by restrictions which would be irksome to the public and drive away many honest readers and seekers for information. It is noteworthy that of the books regularly drawn by card-holders, the percentage of loss is absolutely insignificant. The first year of the free library the loss was three volumes out of 331,000 volumes issued; this year it was 32 out of 902,768 volumes taken by card-holders to their homes.

CLASSIFIED CONTENTS OF THE LIBRARY ON APRIL 30, 1903.

CLASSES.	REF.	REG. LIB.	COLL. OF DUP.	TOTALS.
Philosophy	237	1,378		1,615
Religion	2,910	3,533		6,443
Social science	16,204	6,080	2	22,286
Natural science	11,656	8,908	6	20,570
Art and poetry	1,792	7,363		9,155
Fiction	400	33,909	672	34,981
Juvenile literature	453	24,880	************	25,333
Literary miscellany	2,148	6,047	8	8,203
Travels and history	3,366	15,396	2	18,764
Cyclopædias & periodicals	10,623	1,685		12,308
Total	49,789	109,179	690	159,658
Unentered duplicates and	books no	t vet catalogued	(about)	6,000
Total contents April 30		•	, ,	
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CONTENTS OF EACH ROOM.

CIRCULATION DEPT.		
Main Library	108,851	
Coll. of Duplicates	690	
Froebel Collection	328	
	109,869	
Ref. Books in Circulation Dept	160	110,029
REFERENCE DEPT.		
Public Document Room (other than U. S. docs.)		17,548
U. S. documents		8,672
Reading Room (other than Patent Office reports)		792
Art Room		2,149
Catalogue Room	-	455
Office		22
Reference Room \ 16,481		
McAnally Collection ∫ 3,510		19,991
		159,658
Unentered duplicates, etc., (about)		6,000
Total contents of collection April 30, 1903 (about)		165,65\$

CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT.

Records and Notices.

While, as previously stated, all of the 902,768 books regularly drawn by card-holders were returned to the Library with the exception of 32, this satisfactory result was not accomplished without effort. Looking after tardy and delinquent cardholders, rewriting book-cards, and keeping a classified record of the issue through the various channels with daily, weekly, and monthly footings, occupies the whole time of two assistants and part of the time of a third. When a book is 6 days overdue. a postal card notice is mailed to the holder. If the book is not returned in 10 days, a second notice is sent; and 5 days later, in case of continued detention, a third notice is mailed. On the 20th day a messenger is sent, and at the end of 30 days the cases of the few persistent delinquents are turned over to the City Attorney for prosecution under the ordinance. Besides keeping the issue statistics, the work of this sub-department involved the writing of 36,772 book-cards, the filling out and addressing of 12,971 first notices, 3,162 second and 853 third notices for books overdue, and 200 notices to guarantors. In each case, of course, the address had to be looked up in the registration index. A messenger was sent for 331 books not returned after three notices had been mailed. The messenger brought back 118, and 181 were shortly returned by the cardholders, leaving 32 not returned at the close of the year. Most of these were held by persons who had left town or had moved or could not be traced,—the same being the case with their guarantors. Six cases were referred to the City Attorney. Three were successfully prosecuted and made to pay for books and fines and costs of trial, while the other three were withdrawn and settled out of court. There were also mailed 1,676 postal cards, giving notice of books reserved by request and 487 notices requesting card-holders in "posted" houses not to return their books, but turn them over to the health officers. The Health Commissioner sends daily notices to the Library of cases of contagious diseases, and in posting the houses notifies the residents not to return the library books until they have been fumigated. A similar notice is sent from the Library. In cases of the more virulent diseases the books are destroyed.

Binding.

The number of volumes sent to the binder for first binding was 1,419, almost identical with the number sent last year, namely, 1,417. The cost averaged 64 cents per volume. 7,128 volumes were rebound at a cost of \$3,040.05, an average of 40 cents per volume, and 1,442 volumes were repaired at a cost of \$465.60, an average of 32 cents per volume. There were also 10,092 volumes repaired in the Library, the repairs ranging from patching or inserting a few leaves to supplying new covers. These cost on an average 4 cents a volume.

Circulation.

The last annual report noted the crossing of the million line in the total issue of books and periodicals. This report shows an advance to nearly a quarter of the second million, in exact figures, 1,237,631, an increase of 155,261 over the previous year. The books drawn for home reading numbered 902,768. The home issue was divided thus:—drawn on call-slips at the delivery counter, 166,793; from the open shelves, 211,730; through the delivery stations, 285,423; and from the juvenile department a total of 238,822, divided as follows:—drawn at the juvenile desk, 98,522; supplementary reading sent to schools, 93,327; depositories in outlying schools, 46,973.

From the above figures it appears that of the 902,768 books drawn for home reading, 405,723, 4/9 of the whole, reached their readers through our various channels of outside distribution; that of the 378,523 volumes drawn by adults at the Library, 211,730, 56 per cent, were selected by the readers themselves from the open shelves. This ratio has grown greater from year to year and would doubtless increase more rapidly if, instead of a corner of the stack with about 3,000 volumes, we had a regular open-shelf room containing fifteen to twenty-five thousand volumes, including the best in every line. Such a room is one of the great desiderata in a public library.

The largest issue for any one day was 6,152, on February 7: the smallest, 1,958, on July 18. The total Sunday issue was 17,016: the total holiday issue for the seven holidays was 11,-734. The average week-day issue in all departments was 3,900: the average daily home issue was 2,893. Full particulars regarding the issue will be found in the following tables:

ISSUE BY MONTHS.

ISSUE BY MONTHS.									
HOME ISSUE.									
7	MAIN LIBRAR	DELIVERY	SCHOOLS AND DEPOSITORIES		TOTAL LIBRA		LIBRARY	PERIODICALS	TOTALS.
May	34,84 34,97 35,90 36,81 41,82 42,14 41,25 46,12 43,19 44,87 36,92	1 18,527 3 16,473 1 16,270 9 15,481 1 18,456 1 24,274 5 29,289 6 27,456 0 25,947 3 31,054	16,607 3,834 11 2,236 8,902 15,84; 16,206 14,496 16,92; 22,216 23,032 140,300	2 2 3 3 5 5 5 5 5 6 5 6 5 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6	81,; 57,; 51,; 52,; 54,; 69,, 88,; 86,; 98,, 95,; 778,	200 457 171 536 181 258 750 078 058 137 702	5,83 5,70 5,99 5,11 8 62 10,76 9,30 11,40 11,18 9,51	5 14,359 2 11,012 11,139 4 13,553 9 19,369 4 21,672 25,414 27,382 1 24,310 4 24,602 22,774 1 232,892	105,879 77,395 68,171 69,307 73,203 97,179 114,694 121,472 126,860 121,559 133,923 127,989 1,237,631
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		HOME ISSUE	1	LIE		T	1	OTAL ISSUE OF BOOKS	PER CENT
Philosophy 3,106 Religion 3,940 Soc. science. 7,940 Natural science 20,128 Art 4,704 Poetry 11,917 Fiction 42,933 Juvenile 322,039 Lit. misc 12,671 Travels 9,074 History 13,208 Gyclopaedias, and periodicals 7,997			.34 .44 .88 2.23 .52 1.32 48.08 4.75 35.67 1.40 1.00 1.46 1.01	3 12 13 8 3 6 	,344 ,943 ,571 ,357 ,261 ,147 ,524 ,353 ,072 ,322 ,900 ,136	1	1.32 3.87 1.35 3.10 8.10 8.10 6.40 	4,450 7,883 20,511 33,485 12,965 15,064 440,551 42,933 323,392 19,743 12,396 21,108 14,220 36,038	.44 .78 2.04 3.33 1.29 1.50 43.85 4.27 32.19 1.96 1.24 2.11 1.41
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Total 902,768 100.00 101,971 100.00 1,004,739 100.00 SUMMARIES. 1901-1902 1902-1903									
Home issue, regular library							41,263	859,835 42,933	
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							873,613 208,757	1,004,739 232,892	
								1,237,631 155,261	

LARGEST WEEK-DAY ISSUE, SATURD RUARY 7, 1903. Main desk Open shelves Juvenile Delivery stations		SMALLE	ST WEEK-DA	Y ISSUE, JULY 18,	1902.		
Main desk Open shelves Juvenile	0.10				196		
Open shelves Juvenile				Main desk			
Juvenile	-			Open shelves			
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Total home issue		L	Library issue 201				
Library issue		1	eading roo	om issue	474		
Reading room issue	976	ь.	m . 1.	. 11 1			
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ments	6,152	:	ments		1,958		
LARGEST SUNDAY ISSUE, JANUARY 11	, 1903.	SMALLE	SMALLEST SUNDAY ISSUE, AUGUST 3, 1902.				
Library issue		-	e	15			
Reading room issue	402	R	eading roo	m issue	122		
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Total	519				137		
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Reading room issue	14,270	, R	eading roo	om issue	274		
Total	17.016		Total		327		
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Home issue	. 2,893	TT :					
Library issue		Library issue 318					
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TOTAL ISSUE BY YEARS SINCE THE LIBRARY WAS MADE FREE.

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	'94-'95	'95-'96	'96-'97	'97-'98	'98-'99	'99-'00	'00-'01	'01-'02	'02-'03
Home Issue	331,426	472,718	551,059	647,171	698,339	707,823	740,179	778,507	902,768
Ref. and Lib. Read. Room	40,628 165,359	46,082 $170,142$	51,240 184,729	69,070 204,259	65,732 195,783	69,966 201,886	70,606 187,812	95,106 208,757	101,971 232,892
Total	537,413	688,942	788,028	920,500	959,854	976,675	998,597	1,082,370	1,237,631

RECORDED USE OF BOOKS IN REFERENCE ROOM.

May	1901-02 5,651 4,542 4,618 3,878 6,876 7,545 7,000 8,334 8,132	1902-03 5,678 4,645 4,578 4,866 3,815 6,955 9,114 7,316 9,104 9,196
	8,334	

Reference.

The importance and the usefulness of this department is steadily growing, and the growth has been more marked the last two years than ever before. The recorded issue in the Reference Room for this year was 82,462 volumes, a gain of 7,711 over the previous year; but it is impossible to secure a record of all books consulted in a room where there is free access to the shelves. No great effort is made to do so, as an exact count is of no importance. It is enough to know that the reference collection is year by year being more extensively used and more highly appreciated. The additions for the past two years number 2,708 volumes, making the total number on May 1st, 1903, 49,789 volumes, to which must be added some 30,000 pamphlets. The reference room is already over-crowded with books and has not space for the adequate accommodation of students and investigators. The average issue on Sunday afternoons and evenings was 27 volumes.

The following printed lists were prepared by this department: 8 short lists of popular novels; lists on the following subjects: Manufactures, Practical Aid for Writers, Music, Municipal Improvements, Travel, Electricity, Indoor Games; 2 special lists on Thanksgiving and Christmas, and a somewhat extended list of books and articles on the Louisiana Purchase, which appeared in the April number of the Bulletin.

Delivery Stations.

There were issued through the stations, 285,423 books, a gain of 48,092. Station 14, Pestalozzi and Salina, continues our largest station, with an issue of 17,454, a gain of 3,460. This was followed by No. 30, Leffingwell and Cass, with 13,292; No. 22, Grand and Finney, 10,279; No. 25, Lafayette and California, 9,694; No. 33, Goode and Easton, 9,137; No. 23, Broadway and Keokuk, 8,919; No. 20, Marcus and Easton, 8,705; No. 2, Grand and St. Louis, 8,275. These include all that exceeded 8,000 volumes. There were 33,146 books issued through the Central High School.

The following stations were added during the year:

No. 49. Olive and Whittier Sts.

- 50. 4115 Prairie Avenue.
- 51. Compton and Lawton Avenues.
- 52. 7th street and Cass Avenue.
- 53. North Market and Vandeventer Avenue.
- 54. Sarah street and Chouteau Avenue.
- 55. 11th and Penrose Streets.
- 56. Jefferson Avenue and North Market Street.
- 57. Leffingwell Avenue and Morgan Street.
- 58. Vandeventer and Laclede Avenues.

Station 28 was changed from Cheltenham to Grand and Gravois Avenues; No. 38 from 10th and Geyer Avenue to 12th and Geyer Avenue, and No. 48 from 18th and Cass Avenue to 20th and Wright Street. No. 41 was changed from a bi-weekly to a daily.

Juvenile.

This department continues to grow rapidly, both in the number of registered readers and in the issue of books. From it, directly and through the school depositories and the supplementary reading, were issued 238,822 volumes, a gain of 56,491 over the previous year. Adding to these the juvenile books issued at the adult delivery counter and through the delivery stations, gives a total of 322,039,—32 per cent of the total home issue. All of this reading is educational. If the children learn nothing else—and they cannot escape other acquisition—they at least learn to read, which is their chief business in their early years at school. In answer to the question, what should be taught in the public schools, Dr. Parkhurst wrote: "The first and pretty nearly the last thing the public schools ought to do for the average child is to teach him to read, speak and write the English language

intelligently. This will afford him no end of mental discipline, and will, at the same time, put into his hand the key to every door that he may need to swing further on."

The public library, then, is an essential adjunct of the public school; and the work it does in this capacity is a large factor in its value to the community. In my report for 1900-1901, I quoted statements from a number of St. Louis principals, testifying that the supplementary reading supplied to their pupils is "helpful in all their studies"; that it possesses "as high a value as anything taught in the schools"; while two teachers pronounce it to be "worth all the rest of the school work." They testify further that it is "a great aid to discipline directly and through effect on character"; that "it puts children in a better and happier frame of mind—more conducive to study"; and, finally, that "the books taken into the homes have been helpful to the entire community."

As indicated in the summary of statistics, the work of this department has three channels of operation; books drawn at the desks, supplementary reading sets sent to the schools, and school depositories. The last agency shows an issue twice as large as that of the previous year. This gain was the natural result of increasing the number of depositories from 35 to 60, and greater interest and care on the part of the teachers. The depository libraries are the selection of the individual teacher, who chooses such books as she thinks likely to prove most interesting and helpful to her pupils. Besides the public schools, one Catholic and one Lutheran school were provided with a collection. The grades in which these libraries have proved of greatest helpfulness and benefit are between the third and sixth. The plan of placing collections in rooms for younger children did not prove wholly satisfactory. For these the teacher prefers to get a set of supplementary reading books.

The chief impediment to a more rapid growth of the use of supplementary reading is the lack of means of transportation. Scarcely any is furnished by the Board of Education the first six weeks of each half-year; and most of the balance of the year the service is inadequate. The earnestness of the desire of teachers and pupils for these books is shown by their willingness to carry parcels and boxes of books themselves.

Of the 77 white schools, 51 used the supplementary sets: 16 did not. Of the 12 colored schools, 4 used them, and 8 did not. We also sent sets to 8 night schools; 6 public, I Jewish, and I

Ethical. We supplied, also, I Catholic institution and the House of Refuge.

The following new sets of 30 copies each for the 7th and 8th grades were added during the year: specially prepared editions of Bulwer's Harold, Kennedy's Horse-shoe Robinson and Schiller's William Tell. Eggleston's First book in American history and Holbrook's Hiawatha primer were transferred to the regular shelves, because they were supplied to the schools by the Board of Education. Twenty-two sets were worn out: 3 sets of Lang's Cinderella, 2 sets each of Baldwin's Old stories of the East, Crosby's Our little book for little folks, Johonnot's Cats and dogs; one set each of Baldwin's Old Greek stories, Brooks' Stories of the red children, Eggleston's Stories of American life and adventure, Haaren's Rhymes and fables, Holbrook's Hiawatha primer, Judson and Bender's Graded literature readers, 1st book, Lang's Jack and the beanstalk, Little Red Riding-Hood and Princess on the glass hill, Swinton's Golden book of choice reading, Thompson's First reader, and Wiggin's Birds' Christmas Carol.

These II sets were replaced: 2 sets each of Baldwin, Old stories of the East, and Lang, Cinderella; I set each of Brooks, Red children; Eggleston, Stories of American life; Lang, Jack and the beanstalk and Little Red Riding-Hood; Swinton, Golden book of choice reading; Thompson, First reader; and Wiggin, Birds' Christmas Carol.

Thirty-six books were lost during the year, 12 were paid for and 4 destroyed on account of contagious diseases. One set, Lang, Jack and the beanstalk, was lost in transportation from the Dessalines School to the Library; but it was almost worn out and would soon have been condemned.

The relative popularity of the various sets was given in the last annual report. It has remained about the same.

A new supplementary reading list was, as usual, printed and distributed to the schools at the beginning of the school year, also a list on Sports and Handicrafts, an enlarged list on U. S. History, and a leaflet furnishing "Suggestions for a Reading Course for the 3d, 4th and 5th Grades." The arrangement of the last named list is chronological, beginning with the childhood of the race and continuing through the age of chivalry. The late Mr. C. L. Howard fully tested this course at the Columbia school, and his teachers concur in his opinion that the stories are peculiarly suited to the children of the above grades.

The list is prefaced by the above explanation of its purpose, and, with an introductory quotation from Herbart, is as follows:—

"True moral energy is the result of great scenes and thoughts, presented not in fragments, but as a unified whole."—Herbart.

- I. BALDWIN. Fifty famous stories retold.
- 2. "Old stories of the East.
- 3. " Old Greek stories.
- 4. HAWTHORNE. Wonder book; or-Kingsley. Greek heroes.
- 5. Homer. Story of Troy. (Clarke.)
- 6. "Story of Ulysses. (Cooke) or (Lamb.)
- 7. VIRGIL. Story of Aeneas. (Clarke.)
- 8. KEARY. Heroes of Asgard; or-Mabie. Norse stories.
- 9. Nibelungen Lied. Story of the German Iliad. (Burt.)
- 10. Andrews. Ten boys. Read first four, then-
- 11. CLARKE. Story of Caesar.
- 12. Shakespeare. Julius Caesar.
- 13. Andrews. Ten boys. Read Wulf and Gilbert, then-
- 14. Greene. King Arthur and his court.

The following table shows the schools that were supplied with miscellaneous collections of books, the number of volumes to each, the time retained and the number of volumes issued from each:

REPORT OF DEPOSITORY LIBRARIES. 1902-1903.

	ROOMS.	BOOKS.	WEEKS.	TOTAL ISSUE.
Benton	3	111	26	966
Blow Night School	I	25	8	76
Carondelet	2	100	27	1,736
Clinton	4	209	33	3,350
Columbia	4 6	350	34	8,297
Eliot	7	319	32	6,740
Emerson	6	221	31	3,609
Fremont	10	463	33	10,540
Froebel	4	196	18	2,290
Monroe	I	35	12	160
Rock Spring	2	102	27	1,522
Shepard	7	284	30	2,890
Walnut Park	2	96	27	723
Washington	2	64	29	1,062
St. Kevin	I	57	17	199
Walther College	2	70	13	412
	60	2,702		44,572

Crowded Quarters.

The task of administration is yearly rendered more difficult by the increasing insufficiency of space. For some years past we have had to resort to various expedients to secure shelf-room and work-room. At first it was easy to add shelving for some nine or ten thousand volumes by lining the seventh floor lobby and corridor with closets, though this was accomplished only by shelving the books three deep. Besides this, the greater part of the ladies' space in the reading-room was filled with a stack 8 feet high; and 608 linear feet of low cases for newspapers were placed in the reading-room. This furnished sufficient shelf-room for a year or more. Since then, we have had to secure working space for four of the cataloguing staff by sacrificing two sections of the stack in the public document room, to narrow the aisles and shelves in this room and the reference room, and to build wall cases up to the ceiling, 16 feet high, in the latter room.

The present month, December, 1903, we have extended the reference room stack with rough pine shelving from 9 feet to 11 feet in height, and put up ceiling-high shelving in the delivery station room. And with all this additional shelving we were compelled to box our duplicates to the number of about 10,000 volumes, and store them in the Exposition building.

Staff.

Another impediment that is constantly with us lies in the frequent changes in the staff. Boys who have had more or less training as runners and shelvers are continually drawn off by commercial opportunities. The losses are chiefly in the lower grades: occasionally a middle grade assistant drops out; but resignations in the higher grades are few. I have, however, to record a notable loss for this year in the person of Miss Sylvia Allen, who for nine years rendered efficient service at the issue and receiving desks. She left on January 17, to be married. The present staff, though a number of its members are new, promises, with experience, to equal, if not surpass, any we have had heretofore. I take pleasure in commending its industry, efficiency and good spirit.

World's Fair Library Exhibit.

The contemplated Louisiana Purchase Exposition brought to the principal libraries of Missouri—and especially to the St. Louis Public Library—the duty of co-operating with the Exposition directors in securing the annual conference of the American Library Association, and also in preparing an exhibit of the work of the public library as an educational institution. Such

an exhibit was, of course, included in the plan of Mr. Howard J. Rogers, Director of the Department of Education.

Upon presentation of the matter, the American Library Association was convinced that the logic of events compelled the choice of St. Louis for its next Conference. It also appointed a committee of five, of which your Librarian is a member, to arrange for an exhibit showing the library activities of the country. It was agreed at the outset that the best form for such an exhibit would be a library building representing a model of a town library or a branch of a city system. This building was to be equipped with the most approved furniture, fixtures and appliances and supplied with a choice collection of six to ten thousand volumes, and was to present to visitors the object lesson of a public library in actual operation. The A. L. A., of course, had no money for the erection of such a building; nor did any of the Missouri libraries. But it was hoped that the Exposition directors would see in this an especially attractive feature and a valuable, permanent building to leave as a souvenir of the This hope was ultimately disappointed; and space was secured in the Education Building. Unlimited room was promised at first: but unforeseen demands cut down the allotment to a space 70x30 feet. At present writing the problem is to obtain money to erect a façade and convert this space into the semblance of a one-room library, fully equipped and with a collection of 6,000 to 10,000 volumes, comprising the best books in every department. There is still, however, a bare chance of securing a separate building, which is greatly to be desired.

In the outset, when it was hoped that the Exposition would erect a permanent library building, the Board of Directors of this Library sent to the Exposition Board the following appeal, which I submit with my report because it bears on one of the efforts of the year, and because what it says of the importance of the Public Library in general is not impertinent to a report on the work of a particular library; and, I may add, first and finally, because its publication has been requested by several prominent librarians, two of whom have requested the privilege of reprinting it, if it were not to appear in the publications of this institution.

To the Board of Directors of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

Gentlemen:—
We beg leave to submit for your consideration the claims of the Public Library, as an institution, to recognition at the coming World's Fair.

It is not necessary to dwell on the universally admitted fact that education is the foundation of all progress,—that material prosperity and social order are based on, and may be measured by, the standard of general enlightenment. Your recognition of the importance of education is shown by your intention to erect a grand building for the exclusive use of that department. While every department of the Fair is educational, this particular building will be devoted to exhibits of various systems and methods of school and college instruction and training. But in the last fifty years has grown up in this country and in western Europe a new institution, which is educational in the broadest and the highest sense: in the broadest sense, because it reaches and benefits all classes and all ages as no other educational institution can do; in the highest sense, because there is no one so wise and learned as not to find in it information and help. The college reaches but 2/5 of one per cent of the population, the high school a small additional percentage: an overwhelming majority of children leave school before they have completed even the grammar school course. The public library doubles the value of the education these millions receive while in school and enables them, and incites them, to go on with their education after they become bread-winners. It also furnishes to adults the means of making up deficiencies in early education: it aids artisans and artists in their work; it supplies to students, teachers and preachers the information and the inspiration which they convey to the people to whom they minister.

The Library, besides being the most efficient and most economical agency for popular education, represents all the Fair will have to show. It stands for the sum total of human knowledge. It is the instrumentality through which knowledge has been conserved and cumulated. Only through the Library can civilization continue to advance. The Fair is designed to exhibit a conspectus of the world in its present state, to show the progress made by man from rudest savagery, and particularly to point out the latest and highest achievements of the civilization of today. Would it not, then, seem strange and inexcusable to pass over, or relegate to some corner in a huge multifarious display, that creation of man which has made the World's Fair a possibility, that agency which will record and preserve the glories of the Fair and convey its lessons to thousands who cannot visit it? Books are the most potent factors in progress. Without books we should have had no powerful locomotives to show, no wireless telegraphy, no wonder-working machinery, no beautiful buildings, no impressive statuary, no paintings to arouse wonder and yield delight,-no World's Fair to draw to St. Louis visitors from all over the world.

The importance—the necessity—of the public library in a system of popular education is attested in the strongest terms by President Eliot of Harvard, Dr. Harris, U. S. Com'r. of Education, and many other leading educators. Dr. Harris says:

"What there is good in our American system points towards this preparation of the pupil for independent study of the book by himself. It points towards acquiring the ability of *self* education by means of the library."

Principals of St. Louis public schools testify that the books supplied to their schools by our Public Library are the greatest aid in the school work. Some go so far as to say that this reading of literature is "worth as much as the whole school curriculum." All agree that these books are a great aid to discipline, that they "put the children into a better and happier state of mind more conducive to study," that they have a great and beneficent influence on conduct and character. Moreover, as has been said before, they beget a love of knowledge, which leads the child to continue his education after school days are over.

Now, the public school, including the high school, is known to every-body; it has been universally accepted for generations, and it flourishes in every city and town in the country. But the Public Library is known to comparatively few, especially in this section of the country. In the whole State of Missouri there are only seven public libraries.

The public library, then, being a co-ordinate agency with, and a necessary supplement to the public school (to say nothing of its other functions), should not be ignored or slighted by a World's Fair, whose chief aim is education. And since it is comparatively little known, it must be so presented as to attract attention. This it would not do if placed in a corner of some large building, as at Chicago and Paris. Moreover, library architecture is one of the lessons to be taught to the visitor.

A separate building, therefore, is necessary for the purpose of showing a model public library in operation.

The recommendation we ask you to adopt may be summed up as follows: We recommend the erection of a Branch Library as one of the features of the World's Fair, and as one of the permanent buildings to be preserved in evidence of its enduring benefits to the city.

The general suggestion may be expanded as follows:

- I. The structure to represent a model library building,—either for a town or for a branch in a city system,—and to cost not over \$50,000.
- 2. To contain 5,000 to 10,000 volumes, comprising the best books in every department, thus serving as a guide for the purchase of the first five or ten thousand volumes for a town library. These books can probably be obtained from the publishers gratuitously,—in this way securing for the Fair and the city a gift of six to twelve thousand dollars.
- 3. The whole exhibit to show a model American public library in actual operation.

Reasons for Including Such an Exhibit.

From the Viewpoint of the Fair.

- 1. It would represent the latest and most advanced educational agency,—an instrumentality which foremost teachers of the country consider of equal value with the public schools. Being even more available to all the people-irrespective of age, race, religion or pecuniary condition—than the public schools, there is no other institution that so fitly and fully represents the democratic basis of American society.
- 2. There is just now no more marked movement in this country than the spread of the public library. In the East and North every city and town that has not a new library building is endeavoring to get one. The South and Southwest, from which a large share of our visitors will come, are not thoroughly awake to the importance of the public library as an aid to popu-

lar education. The proposed Branch Library, therefore, would perform a much needed missionary work in these sections, in which St. Louis has so great a commercial interest.

3. A model library at our Fair would not only be a drawing feature, but would be of great practical and economic value in setting before visitors from all parts of the country an example to follow in planning and organizing their contemplated new libraries. America confessedly leads the world in public libraries; and foreigners would find special interest in observing an American public library in actual operation, in a handsome new building, illustrating the latest ideas in library architecture.

This building would represent at once the genius of our democratic

country and the spirit of the time.

4. The Library, with its reading room supplied with late periodicals and papers from all over the world, would provide one of the pleasantest possible places for rest after the fatigues of sight-seeing. It would also represent the spirit of new St. Louis, which has made the Fair, and is to make St. Louis a progressive and beautiful city.

From the Viewpoint of Permanent Benefit to the City.

I. Advanced educators place the public library alongside the public schools as an absolute necessity of popular education.

To make the Public Library accessible to all the people of St. Louis there must be many branches,—many more than Mr. Carnegie's \$500,000 can erect. In a few years there will be a large population residing around Forest Park, who will be glad to have a branch library in the vicinity.

2. Many people not residents of that district would find it agreeable to spend some time in the library when visiting the park; and a beautiful building would be an ornament to the park and a feature of interest to strangers vis-

iting the city.

Besides the gift of books which can be secured from the publishers, the Library Bureau of Boston promises to furnish and install, free of cost to the Exposition, a complete equipment of the most substantial and handsome character, including book stack and shelving, counters, desks and chairs, card cabinets and everything else that may be necessary to make the building a model of library furnishing.

We believe that the proposed Model Public Library will be one of the most interesting and instructive exhibits of the Fair; and we hope that the arguments that we have set forth (which might be multiplied) will appeal to your judgment and convince you of the wisdom of our recommendation.

We are

Respectfully yours,

F. W. Lehmann, President. Geo. O. Carpenter, Vice-President. Morris Glaser, John F. Lee, WILLIAM MAFFITT,
I. W. MORTON,
EDWARD L. PREETORIUS,
O'NEILL RYAN,
Board of Directors.

F. M. CRUNDEN, Secretary.

With congratulations on the record of the year's accomplishment and the promise and assurance it gives of greater things to come, I have the honor to be

Respectfully and faithfully,

FRED'K M. CRUNDEN,

Librarian.

December, 1903.

STATE OF MISSOURI, CITY OF ST. Louis, ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a notary public within and for the city of St. Louis, Mo., appeared Edward L. Preetorius, Chairman of the Auditing Committee of the St. Louis Public Library, who is personally known to me, who, being duly sworn, stated that the statement of receipts and expenditures of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library contained in the foregoing report of the Librarian for the year ending April 30, 1903, on account of City appropriation and other sources, is true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Edw. L. Preetorius,

Chairman Auditing Committee,

Board of Directors St. Louis Public (Free) Library.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 30th day of January, Nineteen hundred and four.

(Seal.)

H. A. Berkemeyer,

Notary Public.

My term expires June 13, 1906.

STATE of MISSOURI, CITY OF ST. LOUIS, } ss.

Before the undersigned, a Notary Public, within and for the City of St. Louis, Mo., appeared F. M. Crunden, Librarian of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library, who is personally known to me, who, upon being by me duly sworn, stated that the foregoing report of the Board of Directors of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library is true and correct, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

F. M. CRUNDEN,

Librarian.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 25th day of January, Nineteen hundred and four.

(Seal.)

OTTO L. ZELLE,

Notary Public, City of St. Louis.

My term expires November 10, 1905.

APPENDIX.

DONATIONS AND EXCHANGES. MAY 1, 1902—APRIL 30, 1903.

1,325 volumes, 6,059 pamphlets, 125 maps and 1,496 mounted pictures were received from 991 sources, as follows:

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Western Australia		1	Conn		3
Whitehead, Rev. J. Detroit		18	Young Men's Christian Assoc.		
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St. Louis Public (Free) Library.

St. Louis, Mo., February 20, 1905.

Hon. Rolla Wells,

Mayor of the City of St. Louis, City.

DEAR SIR:

Enclosed herewith find report of Frederick M. Crunden, Librarian, showing the operations of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library for the year ending April 30th, 1904.

Very respectfully yours,

F. W. Lehmann,
President of Board of Directors.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

To the Honorable Board of Directors of the St. Louis Public (Free)
Library:

I have the honor to submit herewith my eleventh annual report, covering the tenth year of the operation and setting forth the growth and activities of the Public Library for the year ending April 30, 1904. The financial status of the institution and the transactions of the year are shown in detail in the subjoined statement of receipts and expenditures. In a summary of this table the more important facts are as follows:

The total amount received from the city tax of two-fifths of a mill was \$173,064.63, an increase of \$6,510.13 over the previous year.

The desk receipts (for fines, issue of extra books, etc.) amounted to \$6,324.46, a trifling gain over the previous year, which, however, showed an increase of \$450 over the year before.

The rental from the Olive and Locust Street property was \$15,417.83, an increase of \$3,131.12 over the preceding year.

Of the sum subscribed for the purchase of the Exposition property, the contributors paid in last year \$58,250. The rent of the premises was \$28,000. Against this there was, as shown in the table, a considerable charge for taxes, salaries, insurance, repairs, etc., amounting to over \$7,000.

The expenditure for books was \$11,774.75, —— \$4,412.53 less than that of the previous year; for binding, \$4,196.05, also less than the previous year by \$1,632.59. The bills for periodicals amounted to \$1,269.82, not quite a hundred dollars in excess of the previous year.

In March our lease on the present quarters was renewed for two years. The increase in the rent from \$7,500 to \$10,000 a year applied to the last two months of this year, raising the total to \$7,916.68.

The expense of transportation was increased \$209, chiefly by the employment of a fourth wagon (for work in the schools) during the last few months of the year.

The chief items in the furniture and repairs account were \$607 for card cabinets, desks and trucks, and \$170 for lumber for shelving.

The financial transaction of greatest magnitude was the payment of principal and interest notes on Block 510, amounting to \$182,247.19.

\$308,918 96

In addition to this, \$19,131.36 was paid on the Exposition property, freeing that from all debt.

Finally, of the total outlay of \$208,908.54, the sum of \$68,219.70 was expended for the conduct and maintenance of the Library (including the cost of books, periodicals and binding); and \$212,688.84 was invested in real estate or expended on its care, — insurance, repairs, taxes, salaries, etc. The total expenditure for maintenance the preceding year was \$69,261.92, the largest sum thus far expended. If, however, the usual number of books had been bought this year, the total expenditure would, as was to be expected, have exceeded that of the year previous. As will be explained later, the purchase of books must be more or less curtailed until more room is obtained.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 13, 1904.

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To Balance in City Treasury, April 13, 1903\$	18,909	09		
Collections, April 14, 1903 — April 11, 1904			\$191,973	72
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Balance in Bank Fund, April, 1903			8,549	66
Balance in Contingent Fund			93	02
Collection of Duplicates,				
Books and magazines issued	1,925	45		
Fines	3,493	89		
Books sold, lost and paid for	293	85		
Catalogues	148	15	* -	
Lost cards	260			
Postals				
Miscellaneous	185		6 200	10
hijocontanoous	100	90	6,329	40
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Rent collections			15,417	83
Interest			239	97
Exposition Site,				
Rent\$28,000 00				
Subscriptions 58,250 00				
Salvage and Insurance				
Rebate 65 30				
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			86,315	30

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Rν	Salaries			\$ 32,898 36
	Books, Main Collection	\$11,018	44	φ σ2,000 σσ
	Collection of Duplicates	756		1 1
	Binding	4,196	05	
	Periodicals, Main Collection	992		
	Coll. of Duplicates	277	27	17,240 62
			_	
	Rent	7,916	68	
	Insurance	910	00	`
	Furniture and repairs	1,346	03	10,172 71
	Expense,			
	Printing and Stationery	2,838	03	
	Transportation, Del. Sta\$3,076 03			
	Schools 195 00	3,271	03	
	Postage	378		
	Sundries	1,255		
	Supplies	155		7 000 01
	Advertising	10	UU	7,908 01
	Real Estate, City Block 510; 17th, 18th, Olive & Locust Sts., Principal and interest notes	182,247 613		
	Repairs and commissions	3,196	68	`
	Taxes, Sprinkling	82	87	186,140 58
	Exposition Site,			
	Note and interest	19,131 8	36	
	Taxes, Power House	1,899	29	n
	Sprinkling	_92 8		
	Salaries	1,500 (
	Expense	354 8		
	Repairs	418 8	36	22.272.22
	Insurance	2,959	,	. 26,356 20
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	Transfer	187 (192 06
	Sprinkling taxes	101		192 00
	Matal Propositions			@ago 000 F4
	Total Expenditures			\$280,908 54
	Balance in City Treasury, April 11, 1904			10,388 54
	Balance in Bank Fund			17,477 95 143 93
	Balance in Contingent Fund			110 #0
				\$308,918 96

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES, MARCH, 1894, to APRIL, 1904.

RECEIPTS.

	Exposi- tion Site		City Collections	Desk Re- ceipts	Rent	Insur- ance	Misc.	Total
1894 1895 1896 1897 1898 1899 1900 1901 1902 1903 1904		39	\$ 49,773 52 59,035 80 61,929 51 64,663 32 67,638 45 71,340 13 73,781 47 75,727 18 149,321 24 166,554 50 173,064 63	2,593 26 3,649 98 3,741 31 3,839 86 3,901 72 4,392 48 5,095 81 5,852 79 6,302 87	1,480 00 12,328 55 12,945 50 13,501 46 11,649 13	39,742 72*	3 41 87 96 187 72 424 81 476 24 51 98 398 23 204 75 626 79 244 97	49,887 18 61,632 47 66,150 24 70,471 91 73,883 12 127,789 36 91,171 43 94,722 68 167,027 91 262,214 56 281,367 19
Total	\$162,758 9	99	1,012,829 75	45,808 20	81,971 53	39,742 72	2,706 86	1,345,818 05

EXPENDITURES.

Exposition Site	Maintenance	Real Estate	Total
894 895 896 897 898 899 900 901 902 903 \$217,405 33 904 26,273 08	\$2,876 19 43,305 69 52,318 45 48,738 69 58,051 90 55,811 21 45,789 48 53,687 33 67,623 32 68,261 92 68,224 70	40,900 00 24,872 58 29,972 00 88,347 95 36,973 36 35,366 34 36,801 44 28,795 91 186,410 76	\$2,876 19 43,305 69 93,218 45 73,611 27 88,023 90 144,159 16 82,762 84 89,053 67 104,424 76 315,463 16 280,908 54
al \$243,678 41	565,688 88	503,440 34	1,317,807 63
alance in City Treas	ury, April 11, 1904.	•••••	\$ 10,388 54
lance in Dank Tun	d		17,477 95
nance in Dank Fun			

^{*} For houses on City Block 510 burned immediately after the purchase of the property.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

Before taking up the various departments in detail a brief summary is here given of the leading statistics contained in the report:

The collection was increased by the addition of 15,414 volumes, duly catalogued and placed on the shelves ready for use. Of these, 2,327 were gifts. The total included 332 volumes in German, 98 in French, 356 in Russian and 121 in various other languages.

The donations for the year numbered 3,144 volumes, 7,289 pamphlets, from 1,019 different sources. A complete list of donors is presented in an appendix.

The registered readers numbered, at the close of the year, 59,476. Particulars will be found under the department.

The total number of books and periodicals issued during the year was 1,294,498, a gain of 56,867 over the previous year. The number of books drawn for home and school reading was 939,623. Books used in the Library numbered 111,662, and periodicals 243,213. Full details appear later in tabular form.

REGISTRATION.

The registration for the year numbered 19,977 names. Of these 13,476 were registered for the first time and 6,501 were renewals, in accordance with the rule which requires a re-registration at the end of every three years. In addition to the regular reader's card, 1,742 "extra" (non-fiction) cards were issued and 294 "teachers" cards; 13,435 cards that had been filled were replaced by new ones; and 1,491 were lost and new ones paid for. Guaranties to the number of 86 were withdrawn or cancelled; and 3,621 addresses were changed. All this involved an amount of clerical work that cannot be indicated by a mere statement of the figures. The name of every applicant for a card and of every guarantor must be looked up in the directory and every cardholder assigned to his ward; and all the records must be kept with the greatest accuracy, in order to avoid annoyance and loss of time to the library and to the public. Detailed statistics of the registration follow:

REGISTRATION.

Total cards in force, April 30, 1903	•	72,437
Cards expiring to April 30, 1904 Less re-registered	19,462 6,501	12,961
		59,476

Total cards in force April 30, 1904:		
Men	15,347	
Women	16,748	
Children	27,319	
Institutions	62	59,476

REGISTRATION BY WARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1904.

WARD.	WARD.	WARD.
1	11545	21 761
	12	
	13728	
	14	
	15	
	16	
	17559	
	18 675	
	19787	
	20693	
		Total19,977

TOTAL REGISTRATION BY WARDS.

WARD.	WARD.	WARD.
1	11 1,388	21
	12,504	
	132,457	
	141,009	
	151,342	
	161,818	
	17	
	181,673	
	191,972	
	201,493	
*		Total59,476

The above figures bear striking evidence of the growth of the city towards the west. The three wards that have the largest registration lie entirely west of Grand Avenue, the city limit of twenty-eight years ago. The 28th ward leads all others, with a registration of 4,362. This ward begins at 43d Street (Boyle Avenue) and extends west to the city limits, bounded on the north by Page Boulevard and on the south by Oakland Avenue. This is a large area; but to an old resident it is rather astonishing that the ward that furnishes the largest number of readers by a considerable excess over any other, begins at 43d Street, three miles or more from the Library and a mile beyond the former western limit of the city.

The ward that ranks next, but with nearly a thousand names less (3,503) is the 25th, which lies directly east of the 28th; but it does not extend as far east as Grand Avenue, with Cook Avenue and the Pacific R. R. tracks for northern and southern limits.

Next comes the 26th ward with practically the same number, 3,488. Its limits are Cook Avenue on the south and St. Louis Avenue on the north; and nearly all of it lies west of Vandeventer Avenue.

The 22d ward follows, with a registration of 3,233. This ward extends from 22d Street on the east to Grand Avenue on the west, and from Easton to Laclede.

Then comes the 10th ward, with 3,176, and the 24th, with 3,175. The 10th extends along the river front from Potomac Street on the north to Osceola on the south and along Grand from Osceola to Arsenal, with a small corner as far north as Magnolia and Sidney. The 24th covers the huge area from Grand Avenue to the western limit of the city and from Eichelberger Street on the south to Oakland Avenue on the north. It contains Tower Grove Park and Shaw's Garden. We have been accustomed to think of it as a region of market gardens; but it evidently has a considerable population, to rank in readers sixth among the wards of the city. These six wards are all that have a registration above 3,000.

The facts revealed by these statistics have a certain interest in themselves; but their chief interest lies in their significance. They show that the Library is most used by the residents of the central and westcentral district of the city, extending from 22d Street west and spreading fan-like as it goes. In this region live a great majority of the commercial and professional classes who come to the central down-town district for their daily vocations and for their shopping. This part of the city has on every occasion furnished the largest favorable vote on library propositions. They have, however, always been strongly reinforced by the down-town wards. At the last election, on the question of the acceptance of the terms of Mr. Carnegie's gift, the largest majority for acceptance was given by the 4th ward, that in which the Library is situated. The obvious reason for the smaller registration in this ward is the smaller number of residents it contains and the larger proportion of the "floating population;" but while the residents of this district are not so likely to become cardholders and home readers, they constitute a large proportion of the thousands who use the reading The ward statistics show, as was to be expected, that the central library is most used by that portion of the community to which, from proximity and habits of life, it is most accessible. The vote shows, as was also to be expected, that those who are best acquainted with the Library and have received most benefit from it are most willing to vote appropriations for its maintenance and enlargement. the lesson of it all is that branches are needed to carry the influence of the Library into parts of the city, whose residents transact all the affairs of life in the immediate neighborhood and who do not have sufficient desire for reading to induce them to go to any trouble to get books. Books and reading rooms must be carried to them, as are groceries and clothes and all the other necessities of life. Our delivery stations have done and are doing much; but branches are necessary to realize the possibilities of a public library system. It should be, and in the near future will be, not the St. Louis Public Library but the St. Louis Public Libraries, just as it is the St. Louis Public Schools.

CATALOGUE AND ORDER DEPARTMENT.

A smaller number of books was added to the collection this year than in any of the three years preceding. There were several contributing causes, the principal being lack of shelf room. While the Library is in its present crowded quarters, purchases must be confined chiefly to two classes: books of merit in every-day demand, and books of permanent value that may be obtained at a bargain.

The additions for the year amounted to 15,414, of which 356 were in the Russian language, 332 German, 98 French and 121 in other foreign languages. The number added by purchase was 12,270,—2,344 less than the last year. The number added by donation was 2,327, or 1,144 more than last year.

The German Fiction Catalogue appeared in the early part of the year, the work of preparation having been largely done before the close of last year.

The Monthly Bulletin was issued on time throughout the year, a change of type in March giving it a much handsomer appearance.

23,117 new cards were written and inserted in the various catalogues. Of this number, 1,108 were printed cards obtained from the Library of Congress, the Library Bureau, Publishers' Weekly and English History cards. In December the Library increased its subscription from three to four copies of each card of a selected list of Library of Congress cards. Such cards in the classed catalogue as have been soiled through use and soot have been copied in classes 1-40 inclusive.

In addition to the 23,117 cards mentioned above, 20,997 shelf-list cards have been written and inserted. These included the shelf-list cards in classes 30-68sp, which were copied on the small standard size card for the purpose of economizing space.

The work of this department has been carried on effectively in spite of difficulties caused by the crowded condition of the catalogue room and the enforced separation of the staff into two sections more than a hundred feet apart.

GERMAN COLLECTION.

Owing to the fact that books in the German language are scattered through the various classes according to the subjects of which they treat, only a rough estimate has heretofore been made of the total number of German books in the Library. An actual count made this year shows that we have about 12,500 volumes distributed by class and room as follows:—

		The state of the s	
Classes	Circulating Books	Reference Books	Totals
Philosophy	176	6	182
Religion	$\begin{array}{c} 138 \\ 402 \end{array}$	16 30 9 -	154
Natural Science	820	1,026	1,846
Art and Poetry	745	169	914
Fiction	4,720	100	4,720
Juvenile	440	3	443
Literary Miscellany	878	238	1,116
Geography, History and Biog-			
raphy		108	1,149
Cyclopaedias and Magazines.	35	1,063	1,098
Total	9,395	2,938	12,333
Additions, February - A	pril	•••••	100
Madal Amell 00			10.400
Total, April 30			12,433

The additions for the year, divided by class, language and source, are given in the following table: —

ADDITIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30th, 1904.

Classes	Reg. Library	Coll. of Duplicates	Totals
Philosophy	94 689 1,596 1,188 1,013 1,646 5,724 614 812 1,300	2 724 6 6	94 689 1,596 1,188 1,015 2,370 5,730 620 812 1,300
	14,676	738	15,414

Source Purchase Gift Pamphlets, bound Periodicals, bound	11,532 2,327 116 701	738	12,270 2,327 116 701
	14,676	738	15,414
Language English French German Russian Other	13,769 98 332 356 121	738	14,507 98 332 356 121
	14,676	738	15,414

Periodicals to complete sets, 1,630.

BOOKS WORN OUT, LOST AND PAID FOR, ETC.

Withdrawn	. 5.099
Lost and paid for	
Burned on account of contagious disease	
Sold	. 2
Charged to borrowers and not returned:	
For reading-room use	
For home use 80	92
Total	5,430
Total additions 15,414	
Less above 5,494	
Net increase	

Of the 5,099 volumes worn out and withdrawn from circulation, 2,356 were replaced by new copies, as were also 78 volumes out of 236 lost and paid for.

CONTENTS OF THE LIBRARY.

In my last annual report I gave a detailed statement of the inventory taken in the spring of 1903, showing how many volumes were in each class and room and the total of the collection. Taking this as a basis, and adding the net increase of the year, we obtain the total contents at the end of this year.

Total contents of the Library, April 30, 1903	165,658
Net increase, May 1, 1903 — April 30, 1904	9,920
Total contents, April 30, 1904	175,578

Among the noteworthy additions of the year, a list of which is appended, attention is called to the dictionaries bought in answer to the increased demand caused by the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. A scrutiny of these lists from year to year will show that books on the Fine Arts nearly always lead, as is to be expected from their higher average cost. This year, however, the two works of highest price and greatest note are not classed in Art, though their chief interest for the general reader is in that domain. They are Cesnola's Descriptive Atlas of the Cesnola Collection, which has been twenty years in preparation, and Brinkley's Japan, a work in ten folio volumes. These volumes are profusely and exquisitely illustrated in color by Japanese artists. The books are readable as well as beautiful and contain a great amount of useful information regarding the social and business life of this progressive people.

SOME NOTEWORTHY ADDITIONS: ARRANGED IN ORDER OF CLASS.

Myers, F. W. H. Human personality. 1903.	4a
NEVIN, A. Encyclopaedia of the Presbyterian Church of the U.S. [pref	
1884.]	Ref. 6a
BUTLER, C. H. Treaty making power of the U.S. 1902. 2 v.	Ref.23a
Ostrogorski, M. Democracy. 1902. 2 v.	`26
Reeves, W. P. State experiments in Australia. 1902. 2 v.	26a
Kelly's directory of merchants, manufacturers and shippers. [1903.]	30c
Moody, J., ed. Moody's manual of corporation securities. 1903.	30d
SMITH, H. J. Smith's financial dictionary. 1903. R	ef. 30d
DALE, J. H. v. Van Dale's greet woordenboek. 1898.	lef. 34
STEINGASS, F. English-Arabic dictionary - Arabic-Eng. dictionary. R	ef. 34
	ef. 34e
	ef. 34f
MICHAELIS, H. New Dictionary of Pertuguese. 1893. 2 v.	34p
Gunsaulus, F. W., ed. Reference library; modern engineering. 1903.	
10 v.	40
BAKER, I. O. Treatise on roads and pavements. 1903.	40a
WEBB, W. L. Railroad construction. 1903.	40a
Burgoyne, A. H. Submarine navigation. 1903. 2 v.	40e
FLEMING, J. A. Handbook for the electrical laboratory [pref. 1901] v.	1. 43
CHARPENTIER, P. Timber. 1902.	4 9b
CESNOLA, L. P. di. Descriptive atlas of the Cesnola coll. 1885-1903. 3 v. R	
FOWKE, G. Archaeclogical history of Ohio. 1902.	51a
GARDNER, E. A. Ancient Athens. 1902.	51a
SADTLER, S. P., and Coblentz, V. Text-book of chemistry. [c1898-	
1900] 2v.	МсЗ

ELLIS, G. Modern practical joinery. 1902.	61b
BEACH, E. E., and Thorne, W. W. American business and accounting	
encyclopaedia. [c1901.] 2 v.	62a
CHITTENDEN, H. M. History of early navigation on the Missouri. 2 v. 1903.	62c
MACCOLL, D. S. 19th century art. 1902. Ref.	65
BRANDON, R., and J. A. Analysis of Gothic architecture. 1903. 2 v. Ref.	65a
MURRAY, A. S. Sculptures of the Parthenon. 1903.	65b
TAFT, L. History of American sculpture. 1904. Ref.	65b
BEHRENS, C. Bluethe und Frucht in dekorativer Anordnung. Ser 1. Ref.	65c
Bell, Mrs. N. E. (M.) Masterpieces of the great artists. 1895. Ref.	
KONODY, P. G. Art of Walter Crane. 1902. Ref.	65c
THOMPSON, D. C. Barbizon school of painters. 1902. Ref.	
WYLLIE, W. L. Nature's laws and making pictures. 1903.	65c
BAILEY, L. H. Nature portraits. 1903. Ref.	
HESSLING, E., ed. Decorative und monumentale Malereien. v. 1. n. d.	
Ref.	65e
HOLME, C. Representative art of our time. 1903. Ref.	
Hughes, R. Musical guide. 1903. 2 v.	65f
Oxford history of music. v. 1, 3-4. 1901-2.	65f
SHAKESPEARE. Book of Shakespeare's songs. 1903.	65f
Alford, M., Lady. Needlework as art. 1886. Ref.	
BURTON, W. History and description of English porcelain. 1902. Ref.	-
CATTELLE, W. R. Precious stones. 1903.	65g
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DONATIONS AND EXCHANGES.

The donations and exchanges for the year amounted to 3,144 volumes and 7,289 pamphlets, an increase of 1,819 volumes and 1,230 pamphlets over the large list of last year. A complete list of gifts and exchanges with names of donors is given in an appendix. Copies of our English and German fiction catalogues have been sent to about eighty libraries; and our monthly bulletin and annual report to all of the large and to many of the small libraries, particularly those in neighboring states.

BINDING.

The number of volumes sent to the binder for first binding was 2,455, an increase of 1,036 over last year. The cost averaged 67 cents per volume. The increase of three cents in price was probably due to the binding of a greater proportion of large volumes than last year. 7,833 volumes were rebound at a cost of \$3,347.55, an average of 43 cents per volume; and 1,412 volumes were repaired at a cost of \$363.75, an average of 25 cents per volume. There were also 10,287

volumes repaired in the Library, the repairs ranging from patching or inserting a few leaves to supplying new covers. These cost, on an average, four cents a volume for salary and material.

CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT.

RECORDS AND NOTICES.

Like the registration division, this sub-department comprises withing its purview a large amount of routine work. Here are gathered all the business details of the circulation department. The recovery of overdue books, the recording and collating of statistics, correspondence with card-holders, rewriting of book cards, typewriting book lists, the ordering, care and distribution of stationery and supplies, and numberless odds and ends, each item, seemingly of little importance in itself, but in the aggregate a most important factor in the successful operation of the Library. This work for the most part is done by 'prentice hands, for here it is that the newcomer enters the service and under the direction of the clerk in charge (an experienced assistant), learns the first lessons of system and order and attention to detail, which form the foundation of future fitness for higher work.

In the daily routine come the rewriting of the book cards (the first card is written in the cataloguing room) and the sending of notices for books overdue. During the year 41,521 book cards were rewritten and 17,630 notices were sent for overdue books, — 13,280 first notices, 3,498 second and 852 third. Among the chief items of other routine correspondence were 2,218 notices regarding books in infected houses, directing holders to hand them over to the health officers;* 985 notices of books reserved, and 1,254 miscellaneous notices, besides many letters of greater or less length supplying information or straightening out difficulties or answering minor complaints. All serious complaints (an exceedingly small number) and requests for bibliographical or general information go directly to the Librarian for reply.

From this department, naturally, the messenger is sent to recover books for which three notices (two of them sealed) have previously been sent. Last year the messenger called for 292 volumes. All of

^{*} The Health Commissioner sends to the Library every day a list of the houses posted. To every one of these the following notice is sent:

The Board of Health reports a case of in your family. If you have any Library books in your possession please do not return them to the Library or askfor others until your house and books have been fumigated.

To avoid all possible chances of contagion a copy of this circular is sent to all households reported by the Health Department. If you have a library book now kindly let us have author and number immediately.

Failure to observe the foregoing requests will be a sufficient cause for the permanent withdrawal of library privileges.

these were recovered except 44. These were drawn by persons who had left the neighborhood (and in many cases the city) and could not be traced.

CIRCULATION.

Last year's report noted an increase of 155,261 in the issue of books and periodicals over the issue of the year before. This year shows a farther gain of 56,867. Though the World's Fair was not formally opened till just at the close of this year, it was anticipated that its attractions, even during the formative period, would lessen the amount of reading done, and that the record of the year would show an actual decrease in circulation instead of the steady increase which has marked successive years from the outset. It is found that any excitement or distraction from the ordinary routine lessens the demand for books. For example, Christmas occupations make December a lighter month than November; and September, when parents and teachers and pupils are all busy with preparations for school and for the coming season, is usually the lightest month of the year. What may be called the steady reading season does not begin until after January 1st; and March is the culminating month. How great the drop may be in April depends on the weather. If St. Louis were in the latitude of St. Paul, at least ten, probably twenty, possibly thirty per cent more books would be read.

My anticipation of a decrease in circulation was based on the reasons above given, strengthened by the fact that such result was noted in Buffalo and Chicago during their World's Fair seasons. The Chicago report for 1892-93 makes this statement:

"The circulation has decreased somewhat from that of last year. This phenomenon, an exception to the showing of all previous reports, finds its explanation in the preparation for and the opening of the Columbian Exposition."

The Buffalo Public Library reports a decrease of 14,785 in the total circulation with the comment,

"This is a very small reduction, when the distractions of the Pan-American year are considered."

The growth of this Library in popularity and usefulness has been a steady, uninterrupted progress. This is plainly shown by the table exhibiting the issue for each of the ten years of its existence. The issue for home reading has increased gradually, by fairly even steps, from 331,000 (to use even numbers) in 1894, to 939,000 in 1904; the use of books in the Library from 40,000 to 111,000; periodicals,

from 165,000 to 243,000. The home issue has all but trebled; the rate of increase in the library issue is nearly the same; while the readingroom issue, though it has gained more than 75,000, has not doubled. There is a ready explanation for this, in the fact that the reading-room was always free. So, to be sure, was the reference use of books; but so long as there was a subscription fee required for full privileges, the Library was not known as the property of the people; and those privileges that were entirely free were not so widely used. The most rapid increase naturally took place the first year the Library was made free, when (though the year included only ten months) the number of registered readers increased from four or five thousand to 24,000, and the books drawn for home reading from 121,000 to 331,000. In the second year (the first full year) the home issue was very nearly quadrupled. Full particulars regarding the issue are given in the following In the first table the issue for the year is so classed as to show the proportion of the total circulation that went through each agency of distribution. It is noteworthy that of the total home issue numbering 939,623 volumes, more than half, 476,922, were delivered through the several outside agencies; and also that of the 371,346 volumes drawn by adults at the Library, 206,002, or 55 per cent, were chosen by readers from the open shelves.

ISSUE STATISTICS.

Home Issue.	ISSUE STATISTICS.		
Main Desk			165,344
Open Shelves, Miscellaneous.		168,696	
Collection of Duplicates	,,,,,,,,	37,306	206,002
Juvenile Department.	•		
Drawn from Library		91,365	
Supplementary Reading		144,818	
Depositories	•••••	54,647	290,830
Delivery Stations		,	277,447
Total Home Issue			939,623
Total Library Issue			-111,662
Total Issue of Books			1.021.00
			1,051,285
Total Issue of Periodicals.			243,213
Total Issue in all departme	ents		1,294,498

ISSUE BY MONTHS.

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MAIN LIBRARY	DELIVERY STATIONS	SCHOOLS AND DEPOSITORIES	TOTAL	LIBRARY	PERIODICALS	TOTALS
35,683	25,781	21,719	83,183	7,340	19,696	-110,219
35,284	27,686	60	63,030	6,134	17,767	86,931
32,635	16,738		49,373	6,066	12,602	68,041
34,493	15,667	- 0.0	50,160	6,700	11,895	68,755
35,026	16,210	2,186	53,422	5,799	13,101	72,322
38,973	22,545	10,713	72,231	7,204	18,530	97,965
39,764	23,492	18,767	82,023	10,812	23,039	115,874
38,493	22,885	21,709	83,087	11,379	24,542	119,008
42,362	21,788	23,376	87,526	13,067	26,810	127,403
44,149	23,843	25,798	93,790	13,529	25,513	132,832
45,992	30,520	34,906	111,418	13,203	26,043	150,664
39,857	30,292	40,231	110,380	10,429	23,675	144,484
462,711	277,447	199,465	939,623	111,662	243,213	1,294,498
477,045	285,423	140,300	902,768	101,971	232,892	1,237,631
14,334	7,976					4.1
	-	59,165	36.855	9,691	10.321	56,867
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CLASSIFIED CIRCULATION.

	HOMEISSUE	DWD CENT	TIDDIDY	DED CENT	TOTAL ISSUE	PER CENT
	HOMEISSUE	PER CENT	ISSUE	FERCENT	OF BOOKS	PER CENT
Philosophy	3,092	.33	1,236	1.10	4,328	.41
Religion	4,104	.43	4,408	3.94	8,512	.80
Soc. Science	8,516	.90	15,789	14.14	24,305	2.31
Natural "	19,103	2.03	14,539	13.02	33,642	3.20
Art	5,087	.55	9,333	8.35	14,420	1.37
Poetry	12,666	1.35	3,790	3.39	16,456	1.56
Fiction	417,899	44.48	9,627	8.62	427,526	40.66
Coll, of Dup	37,306	3.97	1		37,306	3.54
Juvenile	373,044	39.71	2,024	1.81	375,068	35.67
Lit. Misc	15,831	1.68	6,130	5.49	21,961	2.09
Travels	9,126	.97	5,292	4.73	14,418	1.37
History	17,388	1.85	8,489	7.60	25,877	2.46
Biographies	8,283	.88	6,899	6.17	15,182	1.44
Cyclopaedias and	-,				1	
Periodicals	8,178	.87	24,106	21.58	32,284	3.07
Total	939,623	100.00	111,662	100.00	1,051,285	100.00

Home issue, regular library	1902–1903. 859,835	1903-1904. 902,317
Library issue	902,768	$ \begin{array}{r} 37,306 \\ \hline 939,623 \\ 111,662 \end{array} $
Total issue of books	1,004,739	1,051,285 243,213
Total issue in all departmentsGain in 1903–1904 over 1902–'03	1,237,631	1,294,498 56,876

LARGEST WEEK-DAY ISSUE, SATURDAY,	SMALLEST WEEK-DAY ISSUE, THURS-
MARCH 26, 1904.	DAY, AUGUST 20, 1903.
Main desk 1,150	Main desk 362
Open shelves 1,288	Open shelves 489
Juvenile 885	Juvenile 237
Delivery stations 877	Delivery stations 519
Total home issue 4,200	Total home issue 1,607
Library issue 708	Library issue 266
Reading room issue 1,005	Reading room issue 358
Total issue in all depart-	Total issue in all depart-
ments 5,913	ments 2,231
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LARGEST SUNDAY ISSUE, MARCH 13,1904.	SMALLEST SUNDAY ISSUE, JULY 22, 1903.
Library issue 205	Library issue 39
Reading room issue 451	Reading room issue 166
Total 656	Total 195
TOTAL SUNDAY ISSUE.	AVERAGE SUNDAY ISSUE.
- Library issue 4,902	Library issue 94
Reading room issue 16 377	Reading room issue 315
Total 21,279	Total 409
AVERAGE DAILY ISSUE.	AVERAGE WEEK DAY ISSUE.
Home issue 3,001	Home issue 3,002
Library issue 307	Library issue 341
Reading room 666	Reading room issue 724
Trouding room	Trouting room issue
Total 3,974	Total 4,067
10tal	Total 4,067

HOLIDAY ISSUE, 1903-1904.

-	номе.	LIBRARY.	ќ. в.	TOTAL.
Decoration Day	2,118	290	695	3,103
April 30, 1904	1,426	99	392	1 917
Fourth of July	212	30	355	597
Labor Day	1,193	184	375	1,752
Thanksgiving	505	174	935	1,614
Christmas		46	402	448
New Year's Day	115	174	790	1,079
Washington's Birthday	2,501	538	973	4,012
Total	8,070	1,535	4,917	14,522
Average	1,009	192	615	1,815

COLLECTION OF DUPLICATES ISSUED BY YEARS SINCE THE LIBRARY WAS MADE FREE

'94–'95	'95–'9 6	,96 – ,97	'97–'98	'98-'99	,99 – ,00	'00–'01	'01–'02	02-'03	'03-'04
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11,986	15,159	13,476	16,915	15,815	25,984	35,816	41,263.	42,933	37,306
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TOTAL ISSUE BY YEARS SINCE THE LIBRARY WAS MADE FREE.

	'94–'95	'95–'96	'96–'97	'97–'98	'98–'99 ,	'99–'00	'00–'01	'01–'02	'02–'03	'03-'0 4
Home Ref. and Library Reading Room	40,628		51,240	69,070	65,732	69,966	70,606	95,106	902,768 101,971 232,892	939,623 111,662 243,213
Total	537,413	688,942	788,028	920,500	959,854	976,675	998,597	1,082,370	1,237,631	1,294,498

REFERENCE.

With open shelves in our Reference Room it is impossible to obtain an accurate count of the books consulted; but the recorded issue of this year was 86,835 volumes, a gain of 4,373 over the last year, which showed a gain of nearly 8,000 over the previous year.

The three assistants in this department have charge of the exchanges and donations, recording and acknowledging them. They also care for some hundred art and scientific periodicals, which find their proper shelves in the Reference Department. Further, they have charge of the pamphlet collection, arranging and cataloguing pamphlets as they come in, and from time to time making up volumes for binding.

The pamphlet continuations, consisting of reports, bulletins or catalogues received from all of the departments of the United States Government, the several states and foreign countries, also from the larger cities, universities, societies and libraries, have this year been re-arranged and the boxes labeled so that the shelves may be easily read.

The index to illustrations has been enlarged considerably. It is the intention to include in this card index any good illustrations, such as flowers, animals, portraits, seals, noted buildings, costumes or reproductions of works of art, particularly when found in places where one would least expect to seek them. Moreover, in cases where an illustration might be supposed to exist in a particular volume, the specific reference to page is a great time-saver. Naturally such an index is an interminable piece of work, but it is done in odd moments; and,

as many of the subjects are required over and over again, the index has already been of great service.

A card index to recitations, the work of odd times for years past, has been largely, but not wholly, superseded by Granger's Index to Poetry and Recitations. Upon receipt of this book, the cards for references given in it were withdrawn; and the cards remaining form a supplement to the printed Index.

The following table gives by months the recorded use of books in the Reference Room:

RECORDED USE OF BOOKS IN REFERENCE ROOM.

	1902-03	1903-04		1902-03	1903-04
May	5,678	5,943	November	9,114	8,918
June	4,645	4,986	December	7,316	8,840
July	4,578	4,880	January	9,104	9,785
August	4,866	5,214	February	9,196	10,237
September	3,815	4,238	March	9,195	10,291
October	6,955	5,481	April	8,000	8,022
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				82,462	86,835

DELIVERY STATIONS.

There were issued through the stations 277,447 books, a decrease of 7,976 compared with last year. Station 14, Pestalozzi and Salina, continues our largest station, with an issue of 16,459. This is followed by No. 30, Leffingwell and Cass, with 12,486; No. 25, Lafayette and California, 9,558; No. 33, Goode and Easton, 9,136; No. 22, Grand and Finney, 9,085. These include all that exceed 9,000 volumes.

There were issued through the Central High School 24,501 books, and through the McKinley High School, 1,581. At the Ames School 5,769 volumes were issued; at the Columbia, 4,893; at the Blair, 2,424; and at the Second Baptist Sunday School, 3,854.

The following changes were made during the year: Station 4, from St. Louis and Newstead Avenues to Jefferson and Hebert St.; Station 25, from Broadway and Keokuk Streets to 2201 Cherokee Street; Station 38, from 12th and Geyer Ave. to 13th and Geyer Ave.; Station 39, from the Westmoreland Hotel Drug Store to Bacon St. and Cass Ave.; Station 48, from 20th and Wright Streets to 5427 Old Manchester Road; and Station 59, from Alice and Grant Streets to Leonard and Washington Avenue.

Station 60, 5901 Maple Ave., was added during the year; and Station 41, at 2631 Gamble St., and Station 46, at Jefferson and Shenandoah Avenues, were changed from bi-weekly to daily stations.

To the Central and McKinley High Schools, and to the Ames, Blair, and Columbia Schools assistants have gone to issue books; to the Cen-

tral, three times a week; to the McKinley and to the grammar schools, twice a week. This has been done to encourage and aid the work, to save the trouble that would arise from errors and to introduce orderly methods. It is hoped that sooner or later the Library will be relieved of this work, which should be done by teachers or older pupils.

JUVENILE.

Of the various functions of a public library there is none of greater, more far-reaching influence than the work done with children. It is a spring time sowing, which insures a full harvest, a life-long sowing and reaping, a perennial fruitage through life. The best thing that can be done for a child is to implant in him a love of knowledge, a taste for good reading. This is worth more than a college course without it. The best time to impart this taste is before the child is ten years old. The effort should begin in the nursery at two years of age. Only the fortunate few, however, have such influence brought to bear on them until they go to school; and then the most earnest endeavor of the teacher should be exerted to this end. "Open Fairyland!" sums up the injunctions of the most advanced and successful educators. That is what the teachers of St. Louis, with the aid of the Public Library, are doing in yearly increasing measure.

Looking to its ultimate effect on the peace and progress and prosperity of St. Louis, there is nothing more gratifying than the rapid growth of our Young Folks' Department. So long as all departments are growing satisfactorily, I am not sorry to find that the ratio of cardholders under seventeen to their elders is yearly becoming greater, till this year the registered juveniles are not far from half of the total registration, and are drawing nearly 40 per cent of the books that go out from the Library. There is no question about the educational value, both intellectual and moral, of these books. They give pleasure the purest, joy the most unalloyed; and this would be enough. But they do more: they awaken the imagination, enlarge the mental grasp, supply interest and information and incentive and teach the lessons of morality, of justice, benevolence and devotion, as they can be taught in no other way.

The activities of this department manifest themselves through three channels: 1st, the issue of books to children or their parents who come to the Library; 2d, through sets of supplementary reading sent to the schools; 3d, through miscellaneous collections of books sent to the schools to remain as long as wanted, such collections being designated as "depository libraries." In the first way were issued this year 91,365 volumes; through the second agency, 144,818 volumes; and

through the depositories, 54,647 volumes, making a total of 290,830. This does not include all the juvenile books circulated, for others are sent through the delivery stations, last year a sufficient number to bring the total circulation of juvenile books up to 373,044, which was 39.71 per cent of the total home issue.

The first of the following tables shows schools that served as depositories and the work done by each. It will be observed that there was considerable difference in both the number of volumes and the length of time among the schools, leading inevitably to great differences in the total issue in the various schools, ranging from 10,000 to a few hundred volumes. The second table shows the issue month by month, from both the depositories and the sets of supplementary reading. At the close of the year, the supplementary reading on hand amounted to 474 sets containing 14,085 volumes.

The use of books for the school year from September, 1903, to June, 1904, was as follows: Supplementary reading, 154,014 volumes; books drawn from the depositories, 61,891 volumes, making a total of 215,905. The following may be interesting as giving the number of rooms in the various schools, the number of books sent to each school, the number of weeks they were kept, and the issue per week:

REPORT OF DEPOSITORY LIBRARIES, 1903-1904.

	ROOMS	BOOKS	WREKS KEPT	TOTAL ISSUE	AVERAGE ISSUE PER WEEK
Ashland	1	21	10	345	35
Benton	4	155	32	893	28
Charless	6	185	11	1,446	132
Clinton	4	153	36	3,683	102
Columbia	7	420	35	9,202	263
Eliot	14	494	32	10,130	317
Elleardville	1	38	19	564	30
Emerson	6	274	33	7,229	219
Fremont	5	244	36	7,000	194
Froebel	1	300	26	4,511	174
Garfield	4	185	19	2,759	145
Gratiot	1	80	25	1,590	64
Harrison	1	30	12	302	25
Irving	8	231	20	2,555	128
Lyon	8	122	29	2,585	89
Madison	1	41	21	870	41
Shepard	10	236	31	3,751	121
Sherman	i	25	10	318	32
Walnut Park	′ 1	28	14	523	37
Washington	4	147	30	1,336	45
Wyman	1	30	10	300	30
Total	82	3,439		61,891	

ISSSUE REPORT OF SCHOOLS FROM SEPTEMBER, 1903-JUNE, 1904.

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ISSUE REPORT OF SCHOOLS FOR THE LIBRARY YEAR, FROM APRIL 30, 1903, TO MAY 1, 1904.

SUP.	DEPOS.	TOTAL.
18,555	3,164	21,719
,	60	60
2,655	424	3,079
6,068	3,752	9,820
12,835	5,882	18,767
14,666	7,043	21,709
16,470	6,906	23,376
18,774	7,024	25,798
23,660	11,246	34,906
31,085	9,146	40,231
144,818	54,647	199,465
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Supplementary reading on hand, June, 1904: -474 sets - 14,085 copies.

From the above figures it will be seen that 82 rooms in the public schools were supplied with collections of books that remained there from 10 to 36 weeks, the latter being practically the whole school year, though in some cases the books were changed in the middle of the term.

Sets for supplementary reading were sent to all the public schools that asked for them, i. e., to 67 out of the total of 91; 61 out of 79 white schools and 6 out of 12 colored schools. Sets were sent also to five evening schools (four public and one Jewish), to two Catholic institutions and to the House of Refuge.

The books drawn directly from the room were about the same in number as last year; but there was a large increase in the issue through the schools, 7,674 from the depositories and 51,491 from the supplementary sets. This large gain in the latter item accrued chiefly in the latter part of the year, beginning with January, when the Library Board furnished an additional wagon for this special purpose. Formerly we had had to depend on the very irregular and inadequate service from the wagons of the Board of Education. In other cities I think the expense of transportation is borne by the schools; in one at least that I know of the School Board furnishes also the boxes.

The reading lists of last year and previous years were revised and enlarged and reprinted. One new list on Ancient History was added. There is frequent request for these lists from other libraries and visitors interested in this phase of education. The following new sets were added. The first two books found such favor that the Board of Education ordered them for all the schools.

Grade 1-2.

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Dans develles	
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SmytheReynard the fox	sets.
Grade 2-3.	
David community	
Dopp	
Parker Uncle Robert's geography, v. 14	sets.
Grade 3-4.	
HomerAchilles and Hector2	
Parker Uncle Robert's geography, v. 2	
Parker Uncle Robert's geography, v. 3	sets.
Grade 5-6.	
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Forbes Elizabeth's charm string 1	
Homer Story of Ulysses (Clarke)	set.
Kipling1	set.
Longfellow Courtship of Miles Standish (drama)	set.
Price Wandering heroes2	sets.
LaneStrange lands near home1	
Lane Triumphs of science	set.
Northern Europe1	
Toward the rising sun1	set.
Under sunny skies1	
Wide world1	set.
Grade 7-8.	
Grade 1-0.	
Baldwin Discovery of the old Northwest (Gr. 7.1st, 2d, 3d.) 2	sets.
BaldwinConquest of the old Northwest (Gr. 7-4th & Gr. 8) 2	
Pitman Stories of old France1	

The following eleven sets were worn out and nine of them replaced: Baldwin, Fifty famous stories and Old Greek stories; Books for the bairns; Carroll, Alice in Wonderland; Eggleston, Stories of great

Americans; Lang, Snowdrop; McMurry, Classic stories, 2 sets; Mulock, Adventures of a brownie; and Mulock, Little lame prince, 2 sets.

Five sets were withdrawn from the supplementary reading collection because of the small demand for them and were put to good use on the regular shelves: Aesop, Fables, because furnished to the schools by the Board of Education; Books for the bairns, because not in demand; Greek heroes, replaced by a more attractive book entitled Old Greek stories; O'Shea, Six nursery classics, because a more desirable edition of Mother Goose was substituted.

Out of the 54,647 issues from the depository collections 26 books were lost, of which 7 were paid for, leaving a loss of 19 books, which number will probably be slightly reduced by further recovery. And out of the 144,818 books issued from the supplementary sets, 66 books were lost, of which 21 were paid for, leaving a net loss of 45. A very large majority of these are books of small cost, and most of them were well worn. Teachers are held only to a moral responsibility for the return of books sent to their rooms.

With the statistics of her department, which I have summarized, Miss Krug submits the following interesting statement embodying some

TEACHERS' OPINIONS ON THE VALUE OF SUPPLEMENTARY READING.

In the course of the winter one section of the St. Louis Pedagogical Society under Mr. Schuyler's direction took up the study of English from the primary grade through the university. Some very interesting papers were read by Misses Callahan, Hamilton and Krebs, stating fully what literature (in what sequence and manner) had been read in the eight grammar grades. This had a quickening influence throughout the city, and helped to raise the standard of sets called for from our supplementary collections. One of these papers recommended the following

READING COURSE FOR 6TH, 7TH AND 8TH GRADES USED BY MISS KREBS, OF THE COLUMBIA SCHOOL.

- 1. BLAISDELL. Stories from English history.
- 2. CLEMENS. Prince and pauper.
- 3. Scott. Kenilworth.
- 4. Longfellow. Miles Standish.
- 5. Evangeline.
- 6. COOPER. Last of the Mohicans, or Deerslayer.
- 7. —— Spy.
- 8. FISKE. War of Independence.
- 9. SCUDDER. George Washington.

- 10. Andrews. Ten boys (Saxon and Roman).
- 11. CLARKE. Story of Caesar.
- 12. SHAKESPEARE. Julius Caesar.
- 13. PITMAN. Stories of old France.
- 14. MARTINEAU. Peasant and prince.
- 15. Scott. Ivanhoe.
- 16. Talisman.
- 17. SHAKESPEARE. Merchant of Venice.
- 18. FROISSART. Chronicles.

The papers led to an animated discussion which brought forth the following remarks from principals of grammar schools.

Principal A. 'I put the supplementary books to four different uses. The children read them in class, use them as busy work, read in them at odd times and take them home.

'We do not like short stories. We want a book containing one continuous story, even for the youngest readers.'

I asked him about the Arabella and Araminta, Roggie and Reggie books. He said: 'The little folks are charmed with them, taking the same delight in them as in the Mother Goose books; but we must have the older child to read to the younger one, as the words are too difficult for the beginner. I like to recommend them to parents to buy for the home.'

Principal B. 'Although the Aesop fables are good, they must be read in small doses, that is, only a few at a time.' (I have inferred from this that the School Board had better furnish this book, and they do.)

Principal C. 'Of all the extraneous things put into the schools in late years, I think supplementary reading far outstrips all the others in usefulness. I am not opposed to school gardens, for instance, yet I think they take up more attention and time than the results justify. I have always found that a few of the children do all the work, and these are usually the ones that naturally incline to that kind of thing. In supplementary reading, on the other hand, the whole class takes part, and all bend their efforts to the same goal; indeed, each individual's thought enriches the whole.'

Principal D. 'Up to this time I have not been able to read much Shakespeare in my eighth grade, but we have been using your supplementary reading sets so industriously in all grades for the last two years, and I notice such an improvement in the reading and the general intelligence of my pupils, that I know we can read four Shakespearean plays next year.' (This from the central district, among the poorer class.)

I often question the principals and teachers as to their opinion on the grading of our supplementary reading sets. As a general thing they express themselves well satisfied. One principal suggested that we place Thackeray's Rose and the Ring in a higher grade, stating that it was especially interesting in giving an idea of Thackeray's style, and this could not be appreciated by young children. This principal took the pains to send in a full type-written report, by his teachers, on the use of the sets.

MONTHLY BULLETIN.

The publication of a Library Bulletin which it was thought best to discontinue as a 32-page magazine in 1898, on the score of expense, was resumed in 1903. The new issue took the less costly form of a 16-page pamphlet, published monthly, and confined almost entirely to an annotated list of the new books added each month, and special reading lists on various subjects which may be considered of general interest or of timely importance. A brief statement of the rules and regulations of the Library that apply to card holders appears regularly on the front cover, and a list of the delivery stations of the Library on the last.

While very simple and inexpensive in form, the Bulletin has supplied an existing need of readers. Its appreciation by librarians is shown by the constant requests for it which reach us, and by paid orders for a number of copies of any issue which may have a special interest.

The editing and the bulk of the work on the Bulletin are the special charge of Miss Tutt.

Among the lists published in 1903-04 of especial interest were:

- 1. Books on the Louisiana Territory to 1821, published at the time of the dedication of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.
 - 2. Books on domestic science.
 - 3. Reading list on Indians.
 - 4. Books on manual training.
 - 5. Japan and Russia, published in February, 1904.
 - 6. Trusts.
 - 7. The city and its problems.

NEED OF NEW QUARTERS.

The additions of the year have made more pressing the necessity for a larger space for shelving books and for the accommodation of the staff and the public. A crowded condition everywhere prevails not-

withstanding the continued storing of books outside the building. The erection of a branch will be the best and quickest way of securing relief.

STAFF.

The work of the year was made more difficult by numerous changes in the personnel of the staff. During the year one senior clerk, one junior clerk, four apprentices and seventeen messengers withdrew or were dismissed from the service. Mest of the latter had been in the Library but a short time and were of little or no value. Others, however, were well trained, and their loss was felt throughout all the departments. Of the four apprentices, two left to take higher positions in other libraries. We lost, also, one trained cataloguer, Miss Clara R. Dean, who left on the first of September, to be married. The list given on page 4 omits the names of those who served as apprentices or messengers for only a few weeks or months. Of the spirit and efficiency of the permanent staff I can speak only in terms of high commendation.

SUPPLEMENTARY.

The late date of the preparation of this report makes it possible and desirable to present a summary of the most important events of the period from May to January.

It is gratifying to record that the Board has been able to do more than meet its notes on the 17th, 18th, Olive and Locust St. block. When the balance of the original loan, \$175,000, was refunded in April, 1904, the rate of interest was reduced, and the Board agreed to pay \$40,000 on June 1st, \$40,000 on October 1st, and \$40,000 on January 15, 1905. This would have left a balance still due of \$55,000. But the Board was able and, by the courtesy of the St. Louis Union Trust Company, was allowed to pay \$60,000 instead of \$40,000 on the second installment, reducing the debt to \$75,000. This amount will be paid on the 15th of January, leaving the Board entirely free from debt.

The last rent received for the Exposition was in September, \$7,000 for the quarter ending with the month of November. On December 1 the Exposition building and the power house passed into the possession of the St. Louis Union Trust Company, as stipulated in the original agreement, when the company advanced the money for the purchase of the property together with all the rights and franchises of the Exposition Company. It is generally known to the public, through the city

press, that the bulk of this money — nearly a quarter of a million dollars — was a gift from the individual directors of the St. Louis Union Trust Company.

MODEL LIBRARY AT THE LOUISIANA PURCHASE EXPOSITION.

In my last annual report I spoke of a project in contemplation for exhibiting a "Model Public Library" at the World's Fair. At that time the original hope of securing a separate building had about vanished, and the problem was to obtain some \$8,000 needed to fit up a space 70'x30' in the Education Building, to represent a one-room library, with a collection of six to ten thousand volumes.

The chance of getting this money seemed very slender; and we were glad to accept the kind offer of the Missouri Commission to give the use of one of the halls in the Missouri Building, with an appropriation of \$3,500 for furniture, freight and cartage and incidentals. The Library Bureau (of Boston, Chicago and St. Louis) had already offered to fit up the room with shelving, card cabinets, counter, desks, tables, chairs, etc. The room was 75'x35', lofty and well lighted; the furniture and fittings were of the handsomest appearance and most substantial material and make.

If, however, this was to be a "Model Library," the books in it must be distributed over the realm of knowledge in judicious proportions and must be the very best in each department. A plan to secure such a collection of "best books" was already on foot in charge of a committee of the American Library Association, with Melvil Dewey, State Librarian of New York, at its head. This Committee appointed subcommittees on the various departments of science and literature, and enlisted the co-operation of nearly three hundred librarians and university professors in all parts of the country. The returns from these collaborators were collated and edited by Mr. Dewey and Miss Seymour of his staff and finally revised by Mrs. H. L. Elmendorf, special bibliographer of the Buffalo Public Library.

Dr. Herbert Putnam, the head of the Library of Congress, at considerable sacrifice of his own immediate interests, undertook to print the catalogue.

The various publishers promptly and cheerfully, and with great generosity, supplied the bulk of the books, including a large number of costly publications such as the Century Dictionary; the International Cyclopaedia; Warner's Library of the World's Best Literature; Shakespeare, new variorum edition by Furness; Encyclopaedia Americana; Universal Encyclopaedia and Atlas; Chambers' Encyclopaedia; Grove,

Dictionary of Music; Champlin, Cyclopaedia of painters; Johnston, Handy royal atlas of geography; Sturgis, Dictionary of agriculture. These numerous gifts, aggregating over 5,000 volumes, belong to the record of the current year and will be fully listed in the next annual report. In addition to this "model" or "A. L. A." collection, some 2,500 popular books were sent out from the Library, and the whole collection included, further, some 1,600 volumes of works by Missouri authors supplied chiefly by the Historical Society of Missouri at Columbia and the St. Louis Public Library.

The task remained to collect the books, classify, enter them in the accession ledger, arrange them on the shelves with pockets and cards, ready for issue; further, to supply competent librarians to show and explain the exhibit to visitors, to register readers and issue books — in short, to make of this exhibit a public library in actual operation. This part of the co-operative effort naturally fell to the St. Louis Public Library, which gladly undertook the work and carried it on with faithfulness and enthusiasm till it was brought to a slightly premature close by the fire.

It was not to be expected that people with the whole world, its inhabitants, its industries and its arts, spread before them like an open book, would find much time to spend in reading printed books; yet in the height of the season, with all the charms of landscape, architecture, sculpture, music, processions, drills, spectacles and innumerable amusements, there was nevertheless an issue of thirty to forty volumes a day. These were drawn chiefly by persons resident on the ground. Jefferson Guards and other young employees took advantage of the llbrary to pursue various courses of study. The main purpose of the exhibit, however, was to show to persons interested what might be considered, with unavoidable limitations, a Model Public Library, performing its every-day functions; and many visitors derived from it both pleasure and profit, both information and incentive.

The contributors to this successful co-operative effort were:

- 1. The American Library Association, which, through its World's Fair and other committees, compiled the A. L. A. Catalogue.
 - 2. The Library of Congress, which published the Catalogue.
- 3. The Missouri Commission, which made the Exhibit possible by furnishing the room.
 - 4. The Library Bureau, which supplied the furniture and fittings.
- 5. The St. Louis Public Library, which collected and prepared the books and the card catalogue for the use of the Public, and maintained and conducted the Model Library as a branch.

Each and all the collaborators have reason to feel satisfied and pleased with the results of their efforts.

The American Library Association may congratulate itself on having secured the best exhibit of library activities it has ever had and on having in the Catalogue the best guide and help to the small libraries of the country that can be furnished. To this may be added the grand prize awarded to the exhibit.

The Library of Congress has the credit of publishing the Catalogue, which otherwise would not have been compiled.

The Missouri Commission thereby added a grand prize and a gold medal to the awards for exhibits in the Missouri Building.

The Library Bureau will receive its reward in the extensive advertisement of its fine furniture and technical equipment.

And the St. Louis Public Library, besides the satisfaction of helping the general cause of the public libraries in the country, has to show a gold medal and a collection of 5,200 volumes of choice books.

As I have said, the library exhibit was brought to a premature close on the evening of Saturday, November 19th. To members of the staff who saw the flames shoot through the gilded dome and light up the figure of the "Winged Victory" till it appeared to soar in an atmosphere of fire, there seemed no hope of salvation for the "Model Library," on which they had labored with such pleasure and pride. Fortunately, it was not quite the hour for closing; and from the neighboring buildings men hurried to the rescue. Nearly all the furniture of the library room was carried out except the stack and the counter and all the books but some 475, which were found next day practically ruined by water.

The shine and freshness is gone from the whole collection, in consequence of the five handlings they received in being hurriedly carried out of the burning building and deposited on the lawn, removed from there to the protection of tarpaulins, from there next morning (Sunday) to the Ohio building, and thence to our store house down town, where they were sorted and arranged in four lots, according to the amount of damage, for the inspection of the insurance adjusters. Destruction and damage and dirt were fairly paid for by the sum of \$2,500 received from the insurance companies; yet it would have been more satisfactory to have opened our first branch with these books in all but their pristine gloss and glory.

In the hope that my next report will record the initial steps towards the erection of the new central building and one or more branches, I have the honor to be

Respectfully and faithfully,

FRED'K M. CRUNDEN,

Jan. 13, 1905.

Librarian.

STATE OF MISSOURI, CITY OF ST. LOUIS. \} ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a notary public within and for the City of St. Louis, Mo., appeared Edward L. Preetorius, Chairman of the Auditing Committee of the St. Louis Public Library, who is personally known to me, who, being duly sworn, stated that the statement of receipts and expenditures of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library contained in the foregoing report of the Librarian for the year ending April 30, 1904, on account of city appropriation and other sources, is true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

(Signed) Edw. L. Preetorius,

Chairman Auditing Committee,

Board of Directors of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 12th day of November, nineteen hundred and four.

(Seal.)

(Signed) H. A. BERKEMEYER,

Notary Public.

My term expires June 13, 1906.

STATE OF MISSOURI, CITY OF ST. LOUIS. } ss.

Before the undersigned, a notary public, within and for the City of St. Louis, Mo., appeared F. M. Crunden, Librarian of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library, who is personally known to me, who, upon being duly sworn, stated that the foregoing report of the Board of Directors of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library is true and correct, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

(Signed) F. M. CRUNDEN,

Librarian.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 12th day of November, nineteen hundred and four.

(Seal.)

(Signed) H. A. BERKEMEYER,

Notary Public.

My term expires June 13, 1906.

APPENDIX.

DONATIONS.

May 1, 1903 \rightarrow April 30, 1904.

3,144 volumes and 7,288 pamphlets were received from 1,019 sources, as follows:

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Aberdeen. Public Library		1	Anderson Dr. Willis S. Detroit		$\frac{2}{1}$
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Academy of Science of St. Louis.		14	Arlington Street Church. Boston.		15
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Pouahkeepsie		í	Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe		•
Advance, The. Chicago		1	R. R. Co	1	1
Aeronautical World. Glenville,		4	Atlanta. Board of Education	• • • • •	1
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Geol. Survey		$\frac{1}{2}$	Ayrshire, Scotland		1
Albany. Bd. of Education		$\tilde{2}$	Bain, Robert E. M. St. Louis	1	
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American Co-operator		44	Bates, Wm. H. Clifton Springs,		
American Dermatological Association		2	N. Y. Bayer (F.) & Co. N. Y	1	···i
American Electro-Therapeutic	••••		Belgium. Ministére de l'Agri-		1
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St. Louis, Mo., April 16, 1906.

Hon. Rolla Wells,

Mayor of the City of St. Louis.

DEAR SIR:

I have the honor to submit herewith the report of the Board of Directors of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library, made by the librarian, Mr. Frederick M. Crunden and showing the business and operations of the Library for the year ending April 30th, 1905.

Very respectfully,

F. W. LEHMANN,

President.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

To the Honorable Board of Directors of the St. Louis Public Library: -

I have the honor to submit herewith my twelfth annual report covering the eleventh year of the active operation of this institution as a free library and showing its growth and activities for the year ending April 30, 1905. A detailed statement of receipts and expenditures will be found in the subjoined tables.

The more important facts and figures shown therein are as follows:—
The income from the city tax of two-fifths of a mill amounted to \$178,998.64, an increase of \$5,934.01 over the previous year. The desk receipts from fines, issue of extra books, etc., reached an aggregate of \$6,037.49, a decrease of \$291.97 from the total of the previous year.

The rental of Block 510 and the house in Block 511 was \$16,893.86, an increase of \$1,476.03.

Contributors to the fund for the purchase of the Exposition site paid \$58,250 in May and \$1,035.91 in October. As a dividend on its subscription from the sale of the power house, the Library received \$17,155. The last two quarters' rent from the Exposition building was paid in this year, amounting to \$14,000. When on Dec. 1, the building passed into the hands of the St. Louis Union Trust Co., the Library received rebates on insurance policies aggregating \$1,654.30. Insurance on books destroyed and injured by the fire in the Missouri Building at the World's Fair was promptly paid, amounting to \$2,501.98.

The final payment on City Block 510 was made in January of this year — principal notes \$175,000, interest, \$4,729.85. On this property during the year was expended \$1,842.12 for repairs and agent's commissions; \$584.70 for insurance, and \$65.73 for sprinkling taxes, making a total expenditure on real estate of \$182,222.40

The deed of release of this property from the vendor's lien was executed by the St. Louis Union Trust Co. and was recorded in March. The Library, therefore, now that this property is clear, has no outstanding obligations.

The total expenditure for maintenance, including cost of books and furniture, was \$77,388.66, an excess of \$9,168.96 over the previous year. The chief items of the increase were \$2,500 for rent, \$1,133 more in the book fund and \$3,477 for salaries.

The expenditure in the book fund was \$18,375.69, — \$12,748.97 for

books, \$4,241.87 for binding, and \$1,384.85 for periodicals. Ordinarily the amount spent for books is much larger than this; but our purchases were necessarily curtailed on account of room. The unusually large donation list, however, brought up the total additions to a respectable figure, nearly 20,000 volumes.

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Balance in Bank Fund, April, 1904				_	17,477	
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Collection of Duplicates,						
Books and Magazines issued	\$1,588	E 5				
Magazines sold	69	55	1,658	10		
Fines			3,640	3 9		
Books sold, lost and paid for			325	60		
Catalogues			83			
Lost cards	r		261	30		
Postals			21	66		
Miscellaneous			47	09	6,037	49
Rent collections		_			16,893	86
Exposition Site.						
Subscriptions paid	59,285	91				
Dividend on subscription paid by	,					
Library	17,155	00				
Rent	14,000					
Insurance rebates	1,654				92,095	21
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Interest on certificates of deposit	405	00			776	72
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	Books, Main Collection				
	Books, Collection of Duplicates	705			
	Binding	4,241			
	Periodicals, Main Collection	1,109		10.075	20
	Periodicals, Collection of Duplicates	275		18,375	09
	Rent, Main Library	10,000	00		
	Rent of store-room, 1127 Pine	416			
	Insurance, Main Library	1,055			
	Furniture and repairs	1,275	97	12,748	30
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	*Sundries	1,537	55		
	Supplies	227	96		
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	Misc. desk refund 10 00				
	Card deposits refund	45	90		
	Postage	563	90		
	Advertising	16		9,889	11
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	Principal and interest notes	179,729			
	Insurance	584			
	Repairs and commissions	1,842		100 000	4.0
	Sprinkling taxes	65	10	182,222	40
	Exposition Site,				
	Insurance	2,023	00		
	Salaries (8 mo. at \$125)	1,000			
	Taxes on Power House	933			
	Sprinkling taxes		20		
	Repairs	42	75		
	Expense, paid to Jefferson Hotel Co., on acc't smokestack 500 00				
	Night watch signal ser				
	Supplies 8 00	556	00	4,612	99
	William Barr Lot, Sprinkling taxes		_	0.0	58
	Total Expenditures			\$264,676	44

^{*} Telephone charges are included and a large number of items of varying amounts.

Brought forward			\$264,676 44
Amount short in Bank Fund, through misappro-			
priation of funds	\$3,088	39	
Amount short in Contingent Fund, through mis-			
appropriation of funds	35	55	\$3,123 94
Balance in City Treasury April 10, 1905			19,519 09
Balance in Bank Fund, April 1, 1905			38,140 15
Balance in Contingent Fund, April 1, 1905			75 01
			\$325,534 63

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES, MARCH, 1894, TO APRIL, 1905. RECEIPTS.

	Exposi- tion Site	City Col- lections	Desk Re- ceipts	Rent	Insur- ance	Misc.	Total
1894 1895 1896 1897 1898 1899 1900 1901 1902		\$ 49,773 52 59,035 80 61,929 51 64,663 32 67,638 45 71,340 13 73,781 47 75,727 18 149,321 24	113 66 2,593 26 3,649 98 3,741 31 3,839 86 3,901 72 4,392 48 5,095 81 5,852 79	12,945 50 13,501 46 11,649 13	39,742 72*	3 41 87 96 187 72 424 81 476 24 51 98 398 23 204 75	70,471 91 73,383 12 127,789 36 91,171 43 94,722 68 167,027 91
1903 1904 1905	86,315 30		6,324 46	12,286 71 15,417 83 16,893 86		626 79 244 97 997 03	262,214 56 281,367 19 297,524 21
Total	\$254,854 20	1,191,828 39	51,845 69	98,865 39	42,244 70	3,703 89	1,643,342 26

EXPENDITURES.

	Exposition Site		Maintenance	Real Estate	Misc.	Total	
1894			\$2,876 19			\$2,876	19
1895			43,305 69			43,305	
1896			52,318 45	40,900 00		93,218	
1897			48,738 69	24,872 58		73,611	
1898			58,051 90	29,972 00	j i	88,023	
1899			55,811 21	88,347 95		144,159	
1900			45,789 48	36,973 36		82,762	
1901		i	53,687 33	35,366 34		89.053	
1902		,	67,623 32	36,801 44		104,424	76
1903	\$217,405	33		28,795 91		315,463	
1904	26,273	08	68,224 70	186,410 76		280,908	54
1905	4,612	99	77,388 66	182,222 40	452 39‡	264,676	44
Total	\$248,291	4 0	643,077 54	690,662 74	452 39	1,582,484	07
Bala	nce in City T	Cre	asurv, April 10, 19	905		19,519	09
						38,140	15
Bala	nce in Conti	nge	ent Fund, April, 19	905		75	01
Amo	unt short in	Ba	nk Fund T	hrough misappro-	3,088 39		
Amo	unt short in	Co	ontingent Fund	priation of funds.	35 55	3,123	94
						\$1,643,342	26

^{*} For houses on City Block 510 burned immediately after the purchase of the property.
† On Model Library.
† On Model Library and Barr Lot.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

The following statistics present briefly the work and progress of the year.

The collection was increased by the addition of 19,455 volumes, duly catalogued and placed on the shelves ready for use. Of these, 6,992 were gifts. The total included 456 volumes in German, 112 in French, 45 in Hebrew and 154 in various other languages.

The donations for the year numbered 7,092 volumes not all catalogued, 9,357 pamphlets from 1,234 different sources. A complete list of the donors is presented in an appendix.

The registered readers numbered, at the close of the year, 59,327. Particulars will be found under the department.

The total number of books and periodicals issued during the year was 1,334,106, a gain of 39,608 over the previous year. The number of books drawn for home and school reading was 962,538. Books used in the Library numbered 111,247 and periodicals 260,321. Full details appear later in tabular form.

REGISTRATION.

The registration for the year numbered 19,769 names. Of these 13,665 were registered for the first time and 6,104 were renewals, in accordance with the rule which requires re-registration at the end of every three years. In addition to the regular reader's card, 1,444 "extra" (non-fiction) cards were issued and 285 "teachers" cards; 11,787 cards that had been filled were replaced by new ones; and 1,662 were lost and new ones paid for. Guaranties to the number of 104 were withdrawn or cancelled; 2,622 addresses were changed; and 28 miscellaneous notices were sent during the year.

REGISTRATION.

Total cards in force, April 30, 1904	59,476	
Registered May 1, 1904 — April 30, 1905	13,665	
G 1 1 1 1 10 100 100 1	10.010	73,141
Cards expiring to April 30, 1905	19,918	
Less re-registered	6,104	
		13,814
•		70.00
Total cards in force, April 30, 1905:		59,327
Men	15,592	
Women	17,018	
Children	26,683	
Institutions	34	
		59.327

REGISTRATION BY W	ARDS FOR THE YEAR END	ING APRIL 30, 1905.
WARD.		WARD.
1537	11476	21 684
2581	12939	22
3630	14 950	20 000
4436 5297	15 596	25 1 031
6	16	26
7333	17481	271,120
8434	18456	281,523
9736	19 952	Suburban 384
101,051		
		Total19,769

TOTAL REGISTRATION BY WARDS.

		WARD.
1	11	21
2	122.134	223,018
		23,330
		243,315
		25
		263,227
		272,878
		284,620
		Suburban 673
103,138		
,		Total59,327

In my last report I called attention to some interesting facts in connection with the ward registration, two of which I venture to mention again:—

- 1. The three wards that have the largest registration lie entirely west of Grand Avenue, the city limits twenty-nine years ago.
- 2. The 28th ward leads all others, and this ward begins at 43d Street, three miles or more west of the Library and a mile beyond the former western limit of the city.

ORDER AND CATALOGUE DEPARTMENT.

The additions for the year numbered 19,455 volumes, including 456 volumes in the German language, 112 in French, 45 in Hebrew and 154 in other foreign languages. The number added by gift was 6,992, including 5,074 volumes donated by the publishers to the Model Library at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

The cards representing the Library of Congress have been filed as received; and at the end of the year they filled two large cabinets with 24 double drawers. This catalogue has already proved practically useful in the work of the Cataloguing Department.

The Bulletin has appeared regularly throughout the year. The editing is done by the first assistant cataloguer, while the preparation of the material falls in varying degrees on most of the members of the staff. Each cataloguer writes an additional slip for the Bulletin.

These, with the notes prepared for the Book Committee, form the material from which the "List of Additions" is made.

Twenty-seven thousand four hundred and twenty-seven cards were written and inserted in the various catalogues. Of this number 1,576 were printed cards obtained from the Library of Congress, the Library Bureau, English history and entries mounted from the Publishers' Weekly. Such cards in the classed catalogues as had been soiled through use or soot were copied from class 40a-100f inclusive. Soiled cards in the author catalogue were copied from A to Hall inclusive.

In addition to cards noted above 10,273 shelf-list cards have been written and inserted, including cards for classes 69-69a, 69c (a-h), 71-77g, which were copied onto the small standard size card.

The task of collecting, acknowledging, cataloguing, writing book cards, pasting in pockets, cutting leaves, stamping, etc., for the Model Library was executed by the force of this department, taking the whole time of from four to seven persons during the months from May to August, inclusive. The prompt cataloguing of the Model Library was made possible through the courtesy of Dr. Putnam in furnishing the necessary printed cards. But on their receipt class numbers, subject headings and references had to be added and the cards arranged. A complete dictionary catalogue and a complete classed catalogue were both displayed, as well as a shelf-list and a separate author catalogue of those books actually on the shelves. This last was rendered necessary by the fact of the impossibility of collecting the whole number of books and the desirability of showing exactly what was on the shelves. This, in addition to the regular work of the department, was done in spite of the loss of two able assistants, Misses Howe and Gallaher, who resigned to be married.

The classified contents of the collection that constituted the Model Library exhibited at the World's Fair appears below:—

THE MODEL LIBRARY.

CLASSES. Philosophy.... 109 239 Theology Social Science..... 694 Natural Science and Useful Arts 801 Art and Poetry..... 468 Fiction 857 Juvenile Literature..... 510 Literary Miscellany 407 Travels and History 1,329 Cyclopaedias and Periodicals.... 55

SOURCE.	
Purchase	395
Gift	5,074
	5,469
LANGUAGE.	
EnglishFrench	5,425
German	26
Other	13
	5.469

The total additions for the year, divided by class, source and language, are given in the following table:—

TOTAL ADDITIONS (INCLUDING THE MODEL LIBRARY) FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30TH, 1905.

Classes	Reg. Library	Coll. of Duplicates	Totals	
Philosophy	215		215	
Theology	564		564	
Social Science	2,006		2,006	
Arts	1,966		1,966	
Art and Poetry	1,099	5	1,104	
Fiction	2,354	742	3,096	
Juvenile Literature	6,729	2	6,731	
Literary Miscellany	1,086		1,086	
Travels and History	2,215	3 ·	2,218	
Cyclopaedias and Periodicals	469		469	
	18,703	752	19,455	
Source				
Purchase	11,108	752	11,860	
Gift	6,992		6,992	
Pamphlets, bound	21		21	
Periodicals, bound	582		582	
	18,703	752	19,455	
Language				
English	17,916	752	18,668	
French	112	102	112	
German	476		476	
Other	199		199	
-	18,703	752	19,455	

Periodicals to complete sets, 139.

Hebrew books added, 45.

BOOKS WORN OUT, LOST AND PAID FOR, ETC., 1904-5.	
Withdrawn	,564
Lost and paid for	258
Burned on account of contagious disease	2
Sold	9
Charged to borrowers and not returned:	
For reading-room use25	
For home use97	
Model Library 18	140
Books lost at schools, 1903-4 (not reported last year) 60	
Books lost at schools, 1904-520	80
Missouri Building fire, 1904	585
Total	1,638
Total additions19,455	
Less above	
Net increase	

Of the 3,564 volumes worn out and withdrawn from circulation, 1,862 were replaced by new copies, as were also 98 volumes out of 258 lost and paid for; and two that had been mutilated were paid for.

CONTENTS OF THE LIBRARY.

Taking the inventory of 1903 as a basis and adding the net increase of the years 1903-4 and 1904-5, we obtain the contents at the end of this year.

Total contents of Library, April 30, 1903165,658
Net increase May 1, 1903 — April 30, 1904 9,920
Net increase May 1, 1904 — April 30, 1905 14,817
Total contents, April 30, 1905

SOME NOTEWORTHY ADDITIONS: ARRANGED IN ORDER OF CLASS.

HALL, G. S. Adolescence. 1904. 2 v. O.	4 b
Weiss, J. H. Zur Geschichte jüdischen Tradition. 1904. 5 v. in 3. O.	14
St. Louis. City Council. Ordinances. 1-5317,5801-6152, 8098-8288,	
9469-9785, 10152-10305, 12999-14404, 14489-15058. 29 v. D.	23c
HOWARD, G. E. History of matrimonial institutions. 1904. 3 v. O.	29m
Moody, J., ed. Moody's manual of corporation securities. c1904. O.	30d
St. Louis. Louisiana Purchase Exposition. Official catalogue. 1904. O.	35e
Robinson, H. Hydraulic power. 1904. O.	40
MEYER, J. G. A. Modern locomotive construction. 1904. F.	40b
Pettigrew, W. F. Manual of locomotive engineering. 1901. O.	40b
ROBINSON, W. Gas and petroleum engines. 1902. 2 v. O.	40b
BARKER, G. F., ed. Roentgen rays. 1899. O.	43a

CYCLOPAEDIA OF APPLIED ELECTRICITY. 1905. 5 v. O.	43a
ZITTEL, K. A. Text-book of paleontology. 1900-2. 2 v. O.	48c
SARGENT, C. S. Manual of trees of North America, excluding Mexico.	
1905. O.	49b
PARKER, T. J., and Haswell, W. A. Text-book of zoology. 1897. 2 v.	
0.	50
STUDER, J. H. Birds of North America. 1903. F4.	50a
GARRISH, F. H. Text-book of anatomy. 1902. O.	Ma
FENNER, B. Twentieth century formulary. 1904. O.	Mc6c
LEACH, A. E. Food inspection and analysis. 1904. Q.	Mr5
HAYES, M. H. Points of the horse. 1904. Q.	57c2
SACHS, E. O. Facts on fire prevention. 1902. 2 v. O.	61b
Mason, O. T. Indian basketry. 1904. 2 v. Q.	61c
HOFMAN, H. O. Metallurgy of lead. 1904. O.	63a
Julian, H. F., and Smart, E. Cyaniding gold and silver ores. 1904.	
0.	63a
WALTON, W. World's Columbian Exposition; art and architecture.	
[c1893.] 11 v. F5	65
BUEBLMANN, J. Architecture of classical antiquity; orders of	
columns, [etc.] [1902.] F5.	65a
CRAM, R. A. English country churches. 1898. F.	65a
King, T. H. Study book of mediaeval architecture. 1893. 4 v. F.	65a
AMERICAN artists and works. [c1889.] 2 v. F4.	65e
WHARTON, Mrs. E. Italian villas. 1904. Q.	65L
CARMAN, B., ed. World's best poetry. [c1904.] 10 v. O.	67
MENENDEZ Y PELAYO, M. Antologia de poetas diricos castellanos.	•
1890–1903. 11 v. D.	68sp
REAL ACADEMIA ESPANOLA. Antologia de poetas hispano americano.	OCLP
1893-5. 4 v. O.	68sp
Webster, D. Writings and speeches. 18 v. O.	76a
Hobbes, T. English works. 1839-45. 11 v. O.	76b
McCarthy, J., ed. Irish literature. [c1904.] 10 v. O.	77b
HAIN, L. Repertorium bibliographicum; sup. 1895-1902. 2 v. in 3.	•••
O.	78b
NEW SOUTH WALES. Public Library. Catalogue, Index and Sup.	100
1895–1903. 5 v. Q.	781
THWAITES, R. G., ed. Original journals of the Lewis and Clark Ex-	101
pedition. v. 1-4. 1904.	83c
FITZGERALD, E. A. Highest Andes. 1899. O.	83 f
WRIGHT, G. F. Asiatic Russia. 1902. 2 v. O.	85c
Ogawa, K., and Crizuka, M. Charming views of the land of the rising	000
sun. 1904. Ob. Q.	85d
WILLIAMS, H. S. Historian's history of the world. 1904. 25 v. Q. MERIVALE, C. History of the Romans under the first empire.	89
1896-1904. 8 v.	006
	90b
PEARS, E. Destruction of the Greek empire. 1903. O.	90b
GOODSPEED, W. A., ed. The province and the states. 1904. 7 v.	0.1
V.	91

HART, A. B., ed. The American nation. 1904. 5 v. O.	91
PENNSYLVANIA. Legislature. History of the Pennsylvania volun-	
teers, 1861-5. 1869-70. 5 v. Q.	91c
HISTORY OF SALINE CO., Mo. 1881. Q.	91d
AKERS, C. E. History of South America. 1904. O.	92d
BRIGHT, J. F. History of England. 1897-1904. 5 v. D.	93a
MACKINNON, J. Growth and decline of the French monarchy. 1902.	
0.	94c
BLAIR, E. H., and ROBERTSON, J. A., eds. Philippine Islands. 1493-1803	
1903. 20 v. O.	95e
NEBEL, C. War between the U. S. and Mexico. 1851. F6.	96b
OBERHOLTZER, E. P. Robert Morris. [1904.] Q.	96d
Allgemeine deutsche Biographie. 1875-1904. 49 v. O.	97a
MARBOT, M., Baron de. Memoirs. 1892. 2 v. O.	97b
WHITE, A. D. Autobiography. 1905. 2 v. O.	97b
MAYFLOWER descendant. 1899-1904. 6 v. O.	97c
DICCIONARIO-encyclopedico hispano-americano. 1887-99. 25 v. in 26.	
F.	99
LAROUSSE, P. Nouveau Larousse. n. d. 9 v. F.	99c

DONATIONS AND EXCHANGES.

The donation list for the year included 7,092 volumes, 9,357 pamphlets, 5 photographs, 4 maps and 67 autograph letters. Of the books 5,074 volumes were given by publishers to the Model Library; and 158 volumes and 3,135 pamphlets were obtained from various exhibitors at the Fair. A new donation check-list has been prepared which will probably contain ultimately about 2,000 entries of state and city and foreign departments, universities, schools, railroads and other institutions and corporations that issue publications.

Our Bulletin was sent regularly to about 300 libraries; our Annual Report went to 384 libraries, and our Fiction Catalogue to 38 libraries. We returned to the Government 52 volumes of duplicate United States publications; and through the courtesy of the editor and translator, Mr. Adolph Hepner, and Messrs. Gustav Cramer, Chas. Nagel and Edw. C. Kehr, we distributed to 49 libraries copies of E. B. Washburne's interesting work, entitled "America's Aid to Germany."

The most valuable gift in books that the Library has ever received is what is called the A. L. A. or Model Library Collection, before referred to. Among the larger donations obtained at the time of the World's Fair was a collection of 67 volumes and 1,007 pamphlets given by Mr. Tarleton H. Bean, Chief of the Division of Forestry, Fish and Game. Other noteworthy gifts were 9 volumes of the Rerum Italicarum Scriptores, from Dr. Guido Biagi, of Florence; 18 volumes,

284 pamphlets from Hon. F. M. Cockrell; 192 volumes from Major T. D. Kimball; 62 volumes of directories from the Gould Directory Co.; 18 volumes and 36 pamphlets from the Argentine Commissioner to the World's Fair, and 67 autograph letters from Mr. George Iles.

BINDING.

During the year 1699 volumes of periodicals and books bought in paper covers were bound at an average cost of 66 cents per volume; 8,515 volumes were rebound at a cost of \$3,538.55, at an average of $41\frac{1}{2}$ cents; and 1,346 volumes were repaired by contract for \$345.15, an average of $25\frac{1}{2}$ cents. There were also 10,654 volumes repaired in the library at a cost of \$360 for salary and \$20.49 for materials. The repairs ranged from patching or inserting a few leaves to supplying new covers. The average cost was less than 4 cents a volume.

CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT.

RECORDS AND NOTICES.

I cannot better set forth the work of this sub-department than by repeating the statement made in my last annual report.

Its functions embrace a large amount of routine work. Here are gathered all the business details of the circulation department. The recovery of over-due books, the recording and collating of statistics, correspondence with card holders, re-writing of book cards, typewriting book lists, the ordering care and distribution of stationery and supplies and numberless odds and ends, each item, seemingly of little importance in itself, but in the aggregate a most important factor in the succeesful operation of the Library. This work for the most part is done by 'prentice hands, for here it is that the newcomer enters the service, and under the direction of the clerk in charge,— an experienced assistant—, learnsthe first lessons of system and order and attention to detail, which form the foundation of future fitness for higher work. In the daily routine come the rewriting of book cards (the first card is written in the catalogue room) and the sending of notices for books overdue.

During the year 38,047 book cards were rewritten, and 18,900 notices were sent for overdue books,—14,167 first notices, 3,697 second and 1,036 third. The third notice for an overdue book is followed by a call by a messenger. During the year 340 such calls were made; 85 books were brought back by the messenger; 210 were shortly returned by the card holder; and 14 more were secured through the guarantors, leaving 31 that had not been recovered at the close of the

year. The holders of these could not be found. These 31 are included in the 97 books reported lost. Twelve volumes were lost at the delivery stations; three were stolen; and the balance were unaccounted for.

Among the chief items of other routine correspondence were 2,276 notices sent to infected houses, directing occupants to hand over to the health officers any library books they may have had*; 1,136 notices of books reserved, and 412 miscellaneous notices, besides many letters of greater or less length supplying information or straightening out difficulties or answering minor complaints. All serious complaints (an exceedingly small number) and requests for bibliographical or general information go directly to the Librarian for reply.

CIRCULATION.

This year included the seven months when the Louisiana Purchase Exposition was open and the city all agog over the marvels and frolics of the Fair. Both natural reasoning and the experience of Chicago and Buffalo led us to expect a decrease in the circulation. It is, therefore, as remarkable as it is gratifying that there was an increase of nearly 23,000 volumes in the number of books drawn for home reading and a gain of nearly 40,000 in the total issue of books and periodicals. Full particulars regarding the circulation by months, by classes of books and the channels and agencies through which the books were distributed, will be found in the following tables:

ISSUE STATISTICS.		,
Home Issue.		
Main Desk		185,135
Open Shelves	156,958	
Collection of Duplicates	32,021	188,979
T. D. D. and the said		
Juvenile Department.		
Drawn from Library	81,784	
Supplementary Reading	200,402	
Depositories	58,008	340,194
Delivery Stations		248,230
Total Home Issue		962,538
Total Library Issue		111,247
Total Issue of Books		1,073,785
Total Issue of Periodicals		260,321
Total Issue in all Departments		1,334,106

^{*} It is not to be inferred that library books were in all these houses or any considerable portion of them. When we receive the daily report from the Health Office we do not stop to ascertain whether a book has been drawn by a resident of the house reported, but we at once send a notice directing the household not to return library books (if they happen to have any) but to turn them over to the health officers, who in mild cases disinfects them and in more serious cases burns them.

The above table discloses these rather interesting and significant facts:—

- 1. Of the 374,114 volumes drawn by adults who came to the Library 188,979 a little more than half were selected by the readers themselves from the few thousand volumes that are on the open shelves, including the new books, the "Collection of Duplicates," and a miscellaneous collection comprising books of all classes and various grades, chosen to suit all tastes and changed from week to week. This indicates the use that will be made of an adequate "open-shelf room" containing ten or fifteen thousand volumes.
- 2. Of the total issue for home reading, 506,640 volumes, more than half, were delivered to readers through stations, schools and other outside agencies.

ISSUE BY MONTHS.

•	HOME ISSUE.						
	MAIN LIBRARY	DELIVERY STATIONS	SCHOOLS AND DEPOSITORIES	TOTAL	LIBRARY	PERIODI- CALS	TOTALS
May June	36,174 33,095 33,194	18,976	31,855 4,715	93,893 56,786	7,081	19,152	125,126 83,019
July August September. October	34,500 33,197 37,345		3,273 16,719	48,960 50,039 50,275 72,787	7,113 6,864	15,481 16,188 15,266 21,165	70,516 73,340 72,405 100,997
November December January	39,112 36,728 41,663	20,987 19,089	28,005 23,410 32,923	88,104 79,227 95,558	9,821	23,550	121,475 115,203 136,678
February March	43,321 47,238 40,331	22,735 29,630 26,144	34,673 42,446 40,391	100,729 119,314 106,866	12,161 12,903	26,493 26,375	139,383 158,592 137,372
Total	455,898	248,230	258,410	962,538		260,321	1,334,106
1904	462,711	277,447	199,465	939,623	111,662	243,213	1,294,498
Loss	6,813	29,217			415		
or Gain	-		58,945	22,915		17,108	39,608

CLASSIFIED CIRCULATION.

	HOME ISSUE	PER CENT	LIBRARY ISSUE	PER CENT	TOTAL OF BOOKS	PER CENT
Philosophy	3,768	.39	1,393	1.25	5,161	.48
Religion	4,009	.41	3,316	2.98	7,325	.68
Social Science	9,467	.98	16,661	14.98	26,128	2.43
Natural Science and	1		•			
Useful Arts	19,350	2.01	13,843	12.44	33,193	3.09
Arts	4,640	.48	8,741	7.86	13,381	1.25
Poetry	12,399	1.29	3,462	3.11	15,861	1.47
Fiction, regular		41.78	12,875	11.57	415,160	38.65
Coll. of Dup		3.33			32,021	2.98
Juvenile	426,633	44.35	1,105	.99	427,738	39.86
Literary Miscellany.	12,713	1.32	6,370	5.73	19,083	1.78
Travels	8,773	.91	4,265	3.84	13,038	1.21
Biographies	7,865	.82	6,422	5.77	14,287	1.33
Cyclo. and Mag	6,778	.70	26,267	23.61	33,045	3.08
Total	962,538	100.00	111,247	100.00	1,073,785	100.00

SIIMM	ARIES.	
, OHIO	1903 -1904.	1904-1905.
Home issue, regular library	902,317	931,517
Home issue, coll. of duplicates	37,306	32,021
	939,623	162,538
Library issue		111,247
Total issue of books	1,051,285	1,073,785
Reading-room issue		260,321
Total issue in all departmen		1,334,106
Gain in 1904-1905 over 1908	3-1904	39,608
LARGEST WEEK-DAY ISSUE, SATURDAY,	SMALLEST WERK-DAY ISSUE	THURSDAY.
MARCH 11, 1905.	JULY 14, 1904.	,,
Main desk 1,210	Main desk	419
Open shelves 1,009	Open shelves	431
Juveniles 3,250	Juveniles	
Delivery stations 1,324	Delivery stations	566
Total home issue 6,793	Total home issue	
Library issue	Library issue	
Reading-room issue 922	Reading-room issu	
Total issue in all depart-	Total issue in all d	
ments 8,518	ments	-
LARGEST SUNDAY ISSUE, JAN. 29, 1905.	SMALLEST SUNDAY ISSUE, J	ULY 17,1904.
Library issue 280	Library issue	48
Reading room issue 509	Reading room issue	223
Total	Total	271
TOTAL SUNDAY ISSUE.	AVERAGE SUNDAY ISSUE.	
Library issue 7,471	Library issue	143
Reading room issue 19,026	Reading room issue	366
Total 26,497	Total	509
AVERAGE DAILY ISSUE.	AVERAGE WEEK-DAY ISSU	E.
Home issue 2,638	Home issue	3,077
Library issue 305	Library issue	332
Reading room 713	Reading room issue	770
Total 3,656	Total	4,179
HOLIDAY ISSI	JE, 1904-1905.	

HOLIDAY ISSUE, 1904-1905.

	HOME.	LIBRARY.	R. R.	TOTAL.
Decoration Day	1,572	299	852	2,723
June 8 (Liberty Bell Day)	1,625	182	592	2,399
Fourth of July	136	70	320	526
Labor Day	1,118	263	298	1,879
Thanksgiving	2,820	563	910	4,293
Dec. 1 (Francis Day)	756			756
Christmas (Monday 26)	169	260		994
New Year's (Monday 2)	2,018	360	982	3,360
Washington's Birthday	3,506	- 488	998	4,992
Total	13,720	2,485	5,717	21,922
Average	1,525	276	634	2,435

COLLECTION OF DUPLICATES ISSUED BY YEARS SINCE THE LIBRARY WAS MADE FREE.

'94-'95	'95-'96	'96-'97	'97-'98	'98-'9 9	,99-,00	'00~'01	' 01–'02	'02-'03	103-104	'04-'05
11,986	15,159	13,476	16,915	15,815	25,984	35,816	41,263	42,933	37,306	32,021

TOTAL ISSUE BY YEARS SINCE THE LIBRARY WAS MADE FREE.

	'94-'95	'95-'96	'96-'97	'97–'98	'98-'99	' 99–'00	'00-'01	'01'-02	'02-'03	'03-'04	'04-'05
Home Ref. & Lib. Reading R.	40,628	46,082	51,240	69,070	65,732	69,966	70,606	95,106	902,768 101,971 232,892	111,662	111,247
Total	537,413	688,942	788,028	920,500	959,854	976,675	998,597	1,082,370	1,237,631	1,294,498	1,334,106

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

While the influence of the World's Fair naturally tended to lessen the number of books drawn for home reading,—though as shown, the actual number was not reduced—it appeared to have—and that, too, seems natural—the opposite effect on the use of the reference department during the preparatory period. The increased number of persons in the reference room for two years before the opening of the Fair was apparent to the eye. That it was the Fair that brought them there was also evident in many cases from the kind of information they asked for.

Many were in search of statistics of fairs (attendance, financial success, effect upon cities, etc.,) and the history of the Louisiana Purchase. The greater number, however, wished to study architecture, sculpture and decoration, preparatory to an enjoyment of the St. Louis Exposition. Architects and exhibitors made use of the architectural works; and a few foreign visitors studied the social and business conditions of the United States. There was also an unusually large call for dictionaries of various languages.

My inference as to the influence of the Fair in stimulating inquiry and research is strengthened by a decrease of the recorded issue in this department this year, after a marked increase the two preceding years. This year included the World's Fair period; but the study was not done during the exhibition, but during the preparatory period. The record for the year ending with April, 1902, showed a total of 74,751 volumes; for the year ending with April, 1903, 82,462 volumes; for the year ending with April, 1904, 86,835; and for the year reported on, ending with April, 1905, the total declined to 81,094.

As explained in previous reports, it is impossible, in a room where everyone is free to help himself, to obtain even an approximately accurate record: we simply know that the recorded issue is always considerably less than the real figures. The following table gives the issue by months, showing, as usual, the highest figures in March.

RECORDED USE OF BOOKS IN REFERENCE ROOM.

May, 1904	6,145 5,492 4,242 5,074	November, 1904 December, 1904 January, 1905 February, 1905	8,675 9,175
September, 1904 October, 1904	•	March, 1905 April, 1905	,
Total			81,094

The growth of the reference work is clearly shown by the number of reference books issued in the month of March for the last eleven years.

REFERENCE RECORD FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH.

1895	19016573
18961918	19028715
18971893	1903 9195
18983782	190410291
18993198	19059644
19004364	

DELIVERY STATIONS.

Books issued through the delivery stations numbered 248,230 volumes, a decrease of 29,217 compared with the previous year.

There were issued through the Central High School, 8,941 books; through the McKinley High School, 3,857; and through the Yeatman High School, 776. At the Ames, 4,988 volumes were issued; at the Columbia, 4,349; at the Blair, 4,304; and at the Elleardville, 901.

About half the loss above reported is attributed to a change in the method of issuing books at the Central High School. Formerly they were given out for one day; now the time is from four days to two weeks. The rest of the loss is probably due to the removal of station keepers from favorable locations, where they had been remarkably successful in gathering a clientage.

The following changes were made during the year: Station 22, Grand and Finney, owing to the removal of the proprietor from this prominent corner opposite the Central High School, was moved to 3301 Easton Avenue; Station 43, from 4865 St. Louis Avenue, to Easton and Taylor; Station 32, from Laclede and Boyle, to Laclede and Newstead; Station 27, from Grand, between Lindell and Pine, to Grand and

Pine; Station 36, from Natural Bridge Road and Newstead, to 2824 Marcus; Station 44, from Broadway and Marion, to 1632 South Broadway; Station 49, from Olive and Whittier to Sarah and McPherson; Station 54, from Sarah and Chouteau, to Page and Kingshighway.

Beginning October 1, 1904, and continuing for a period of 6 months ending March 31, 1905, a daily record was kept, by wards, of the number of books issued through the delivery stations, school collections, and depository libraries. This record was kept for the purpose of ascertaining what districts made most use of the library without coming to the main library, and inferentially, in what localities the new branch libraries would be most useful.

Of the Library's total issue for these six months, amounting to 566,462, there were issued through the medium of the delivery stations, school collections and depository libraries, 310,312 volumes.

Of the total registration of new members, and re-registration of old members, amounting to 12,911, the stations and schools had 5,455 for the six months.

The wards having the largest issue of books generally had the largest registration.

The following is the count by wards of the issue of books through schools and delivery stations:

				WARDS.	
1	22,744	12	20,219	22	9,228
2	10,291	13	13,793	23	12,204
3	5 918	14	759	24	17,306
5	1,800	15	3,338	25	10,605
6	4,144	16	4,484	26	11,271
7	12,398	17	7,964	27	11,685
8	10,785	18,	880	28	26,994
9	18,594	19	14,516	_	
10 · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	12,468	20	32,683	Totals, 3	310,312
11	3,688	21	9,553		•

The table below gives by wards the registration of cards through delivery stations:

	REGIS.		REGIS-	° R	EGIS-
WARDS.	TRATION.	WARDS.	TRATION.	WARDS. TRA	TION.
1	259	12	580	22	119
2	242	13	347	23	85
3	13	14	8	24	231
5	2	15		25	547
6	43	16	145	26	172
				27	
8	171	18		28	190
9	589	19	292		
10	201	20	422		5,455
11	···· 69	21	179		

The wards having an issue of over 12,000 for the period, or of over 2,000 per month are given below, with the number of delivery stations and schools through which the books are issued:

WARD.	ISSUE.	REGISTRATION.	SERVED BY DEL. STA.	schools
20	32,683	422	4	4
28	26,994	190	. 6	4
1	22,744	259	2	9
9	18,594	589	2	2
12	20,219	580	2	3
24	17,306	231	4	11
13	13,793	347	3	5
19	14,516	292	5	1
10	12,468	201	2	. 5
7	12,398	80	2	4
23	12,204	85	1	3

The site for the first, or Barr, branch is on the boundary line between the 12th and 13th Ward, each having a monthly issue of about 2,500 and a registration of about 40.

JUVENILE DEPARTMENT.

There is a steady growth in this department. The number of volumes drawn by visitors to the Library was somewhat smaller than that of the previous year; but this was more than balanced by the increase in circulation through the schools. Books called for by card-holders aggregated 81,784 against 91,365 the previous year, a decrease of 9,581. To make good this loss is a gain of 5,856 volumes in the issue from school depository libraries, and of 53,089 in the circulation of supplementary sets. This year 93 rooms were supplied with depository collections, from which were issued 60,503 volumes. The previous year collections were placed in 82 rooms and the issue was 54,647. This shows a gain of 5,856 for this year.

The supplementary reading shows a much greater gain, 197,907 to 144,818, an increase of 53,089. Miss Krug attributes this gain partly to the growing appreciation by teachers of the aid given them in their school work by the general reading supplied by the Library, and partly to our improved facilities for transportation. The rooms having collections made good use of them, and reported weekly.

Of the 78 white schools, 67 used the supplementary sets, and 11 did not. Of the 12 colored schools, 7 used them, and five did not. Supplementary sets were also sent to nine evening schools (8 public and 1 Jewish); to the St. Louis University, St. Matthew's and Holy Rosary Schools.

The report in detail follows. The first table shows schools that served

as depositories and the work done by each; the second shows the issue by months from both the depositories and the sets of supplementary reading.

REPORT OF DEPOSITORY LIBRARIES, 1904-1905.

schools.	ROOMS.	Books.	WEEKS.	TOTAL ISSUE.	AVERAGE PER WEEK
Ashland	1	50	17	1,391	88
Benton	1	25	15	248	17
Bryan Hill	1	40	9	187	21
Charless	7	220	31	3,485	112
Clinton	4	153	6	848	141
Columbia	9	486	34	8,486	250
Eliot	15	400	31	11,910	384
Elleardville	1	38	3	60	20
Emerson	6	264	32	8,449	264
Fremont	3	138	35	4,064	116
Froebel	12	350	30	7,456	249
Gardenville	1	30	10	180	18
Garfield	4	185	4	594	149
Gratiot	2	100	29	1,692	* 58
Harrison	3	89	25	529	21
Hodgen	5	131	17	835	49
rving	3	80	19	733	39
Laclede	1	30	5	90	18
Lyon	2	110	21	1,431	68
Madison	1	41	3	73	24
Mount Pleasant	1	23	3	23	8
Oak Hill	4	119	20	2,327	116
Riddick	1	25	9	45	5 `
Shepard	4	116	32	1,579	49
Sherman	1	25	30	819	27
Walnut Park	4	110	20	1,366	68
Washington	3	105	26	954	37
Webster	2	60	10	559	. 56
Wyman	1	30	3	90	30
Total	93	3,573		60,503	

REPORT OF SCHOOLS, 1904-1905.

SUP. R.	DEPOS.	TOTAL.
23,555	8,300	31,855
	549	4,715
3,273		3,273
13,221	3,498	16,719
22,195	5,810	28,005
18,336	5,074	23,410
25,454	7,469	32,923
26,048	8,625	34,673
	9,915	42,446
	11,263	40,391
197,907	60.503	258,410
	23,555 4,166 3,273 13,221 22,195 18,336 25,454 26,048 32,531	23,555 8,300 4,166 549 3,273 13,221 3,498 22,195 5,810 18,336 5,074 25,454 7,469 26,048 8,625 32,531 9,915 29,128 11,263

To the collection for	supplementary reading	these 41	new sets were
added:			

added:	,
Grade 1-2.	
GroverThe Overall boys2 sets SmythePrimary reader5 sets	
Grade 2-3.	
Bakewell	
Grade 3-4.	
Bayliss	
Grade 5-6.	
Baldwin Wonder book of horses 3 sets Boult Heroes of the Norselands 1 set. Hanson Stories of the days of King Arthur 1 set. Nibelungenlied Story of the Rhinegold (Chapin) 3 sets. Pyle Some merry adventures of Robin Hood 3 sets. Spyri Heidi 3 sets. Thompson Krag and Johnny Bear 3 sets.	
Grade 7-8.	
Dickens Tale of two cities. 1 set. Hugo Ninety-three 1 set. Lamb Tales from Shakespeare. 1 set. Scott Kenilworth 1 set. Tennyson Enoch Arden and other poems 1 set.	•
Two sets: Lang, "Snowdrop" and Wiltse, "Folklore stories" were worn out and replaced.	
Sets. Copies.	,

	Sets.	Copies.
Sets on hand June, 1904	474	14,085
Worn out and not replaced or put in circulation	9	250
	465	13,835
New sets added	41	1,230
Duplicate sets added	70	2,100
Sets on hand April 30, 1905	57 6	17,165

Out of the 197,907 issues from the supplementary sets, 54 books were lost; and 35 were paid for. Out of the 60,503 issues from the

depository collections, three volumes were lost; two of these were paid for; and the third was lost in transportation and not recovered.

In closing her statistical report, Miss Krug says: -

- "I wish to state that in our work with the schools there seems to be a gradual, normal, healthy growth from year to year. Yet, large as the issue from the supplementary collection has been, there is still much room for development. Every year more schools come in as borrowers; but the use of the books varies greatly in different schools. While some have called for sets from September till June, others have used them at intervals only. Again some had twenty-five or thirty sets at one time and put these to excellent use, while others were satisfied with five or six sets.
- "In some schools the principals enthusiastically recommended the sets to their teachers; in other schools teachers took the initiative and with the consent of the principal ordered their sets. Of course, the best results are obtained where both are eager for the books.
- "In closing I must add that we had a very pleasant surprise when Mrs. M. E. Huse gave us a handsome fund to be spent in supplying the children's room with flowers during the bleak wintry weather. The children appreciated this greatly."

From the first we have given special attention to the books for the youngest children, the first three grades; but not till this year was our supply of books for the grades sufficient. This year, however, the supply met the demand in all grades.

MODEL LIBRARY.

In my last report I gave a detailed account of the genesis, organization and purpose of the "Model Library" at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. It remains only to report, by the following statistics, the practical use that was made of it as a working library. It must be remembered, however, that this was not its primary or principal purpose.

REGISTRATION.

	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
August	47	19	6	72
September	19	14	2	3 5
October		5	• • • •	19
November	6	1 .		7
Total	86	39	8	133

USE OF BOO	oks.		
	Home Issue.	Reference Issue.	Total.
June, 1904	. 25	• • • •	25
July, 1904	. 118		118
August, 1904	302		302
September, 1904	. 449	448	897
October, 1904	426	349	775
November, 1-12, 1904	. 195	71	266
Total issue June 1 to Nov. 12			2,383
		-	
Books issued at Model Library, and not ret	turned.		18

STAFF.

During the year we lost Misses Howe and Gallaher, two trained cataloguers, who left to be married; Mr. W. B. A. Taylor, who took charge of the Mercantile Library of Cincinnati, Oct. 1; Mr. Everett R. Perry, who resumed his college course at Harvard, and Mr. Richard Ulrich, who was appointed librarian of the military post at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan. I take pleasure in testifying to the industry, earnestness, faithfulness and efficiency of the staff.

It seems unnecessary to present evidence or argument to a body of men who have shown their belief in the value of a public library by giving their time and talents for years to this institution; and it seems equally a work of supererogation to point out the benefits of such an institution to a community that has given this Library such generous support; but opinions of others, especially the wise and the expert, in confirmation of our faith, can never fail to please.

In his "Review of the Educational Progress of the Year," before the National Council of Education in July, 1905, Dr. Howard J. Rogers, formerly chief of the education department of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, and now Assistant Commissioner of Education of New York State, said:

"The number of free libraries is rapidly increasing from year to year; and in the light of its supplementary function to the public school, library growth is one of the brightest signs of the times * *

"The common school has thrown wide the door of opportunity, and its work must be carried to completion by the public library."

Respectfully submitted,

FRED'K M. CRUNDEN,

Jan. 28, 1906.

Librarian.

STATE OF MISSOURI, CITY OF ST. LOUIS. \(\) 85.

Before me, the undersigned, a notary public within and for the City of St. Louis, Mo., appeared Edward L. Preetorius, Chairman of the Auditing Committee of the St. Louis Public Library, who is personally known to me, who being duly sworn, stated that the statement of receipts and expenditures of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library contained in the foregoing report of the Librarian for the year ending April 30, 1905, on account of city appropriation and other sources, is true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

(Signed) Edw. L. Preetorius,

Chairman Auditing Committee,

Board of Directors of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library.

Sworn and subscribed to before me, this 27th day of March, nineteen hundred and six.

(Seal.)

JESSIE PURCELL,
Notary Public.

My term expires October 12, 1908.

STATE OF MISSOURI, CITY OF ST. LOUIS. \}ss.

Before the undersigned, a notary public, within and for the City of St. Louis appeared F. M. Crunden, Librarian of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library, who is personally known to me, who, upon being duly sworn, stated that the foregoing report of the Board of Directors of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library is true and correct, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

(Signed) F. M. CRUNDEN,

Librarian.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 28th day of March, nineteen hundred and six.

(Seal.)

OTTO L. ZELLE,

Notary Public,

City of St. Louis, Mo.

My term expires November 8, 1909.

APPENDIX.

DONATIONS.

MAY 1, 1904 — APRIL 30, 1905.

7,092 volumes and 9,357 pamphlets, 2 binders, 5 photographs, 4 maps, catalogue cards and 67 autograph letters were received from 1,234 sources as follows:

1,201 Sources as follows:				
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Adams Nervine Asylum. Boston	1	Boston.	8	64
Adventure Consolidated Copper	_	American Medico-rsychological	_	
Co. N. Y	6	Assoc. Flint, Mich	1	
Alabama, Agric. Exp. Sta		American Numismatic and Arch-		
Geological Survey	3	æological Society. N. Y .		1
Alaska Packers Assoc. San		American Peace Society Boston. American Pediatric Society.	1	
Francisco		American Pediatric Society.		
Albany. Bd. of Education	-	Washington	1	
Alexander, F. E. St. Louis 110		American Pneumatic Service Co.		
All Souls Church. Chicago		Boston		1
Allegheny. Carnegie Library	-	American Public Health Asso-		
Allen, G. London 5		ciation. Rochester	1	
Allen, Lane & Scott. Philadel-		American School Board Journal.	1	
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Allis-Chalmers Co. Milwaukee . 19		American School of Household		
Allyn, Mrs. C. G. Dubuque		Economics. Chicago		ŀ
Amack, F. St. Louis	. 33	American Social Science Asso-		
American Anti-Vivisection So-		ciation. New Haven		ŀ
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Iron. N. Y	. 1	Boston		1
American Bankers Assoc. N. Y.	l	American Street Railway Asso-		
American Baptist Publishing		ciation. Chicago		1
Society. Philadelphia		American Thresherman, Madi-		-
American Bd. of Commrs. for		son, Wis	1	
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ington	. 2	Andover Theological Seminary.		
American Field Pub. Co. Chi-		Andover, Mass		1
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American Free Trade League.		Anonymous	6	108-
Boston	. 2	Appleton (D.) & Co. N. Y	245	
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Washington	. 3	Armour Institute of Technology.		1.1
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American Institute of Sacred		Armstrong Association. N. Y.		1
Literature. Chicago	. 1	Art Craft Supply Co. Chicago		5
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- Ministère de l'Agriculture		32	Buffalo. Public Library	1	1
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Bills, Miss E. Sioux City Ia	••••	1	Cadley, J. W. Albany	····i	1
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